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EVERYTHING CHANGED THAT DAY.
HOW I THOUGHT, HOW I LIVED.
EVERYTHING...
FROM A LIFE I CONTINUALLY ENDURED...
...TO A LIFE OF FIGHTING TO SUCCEED.
THE PALTRY DINING TABLE BY THE FIRE, WITH MY FAMILY AROUND...
...BECAME A GLORIOUS BATTLEFIELD ADJOINED BY DEATH AND BLOOD.

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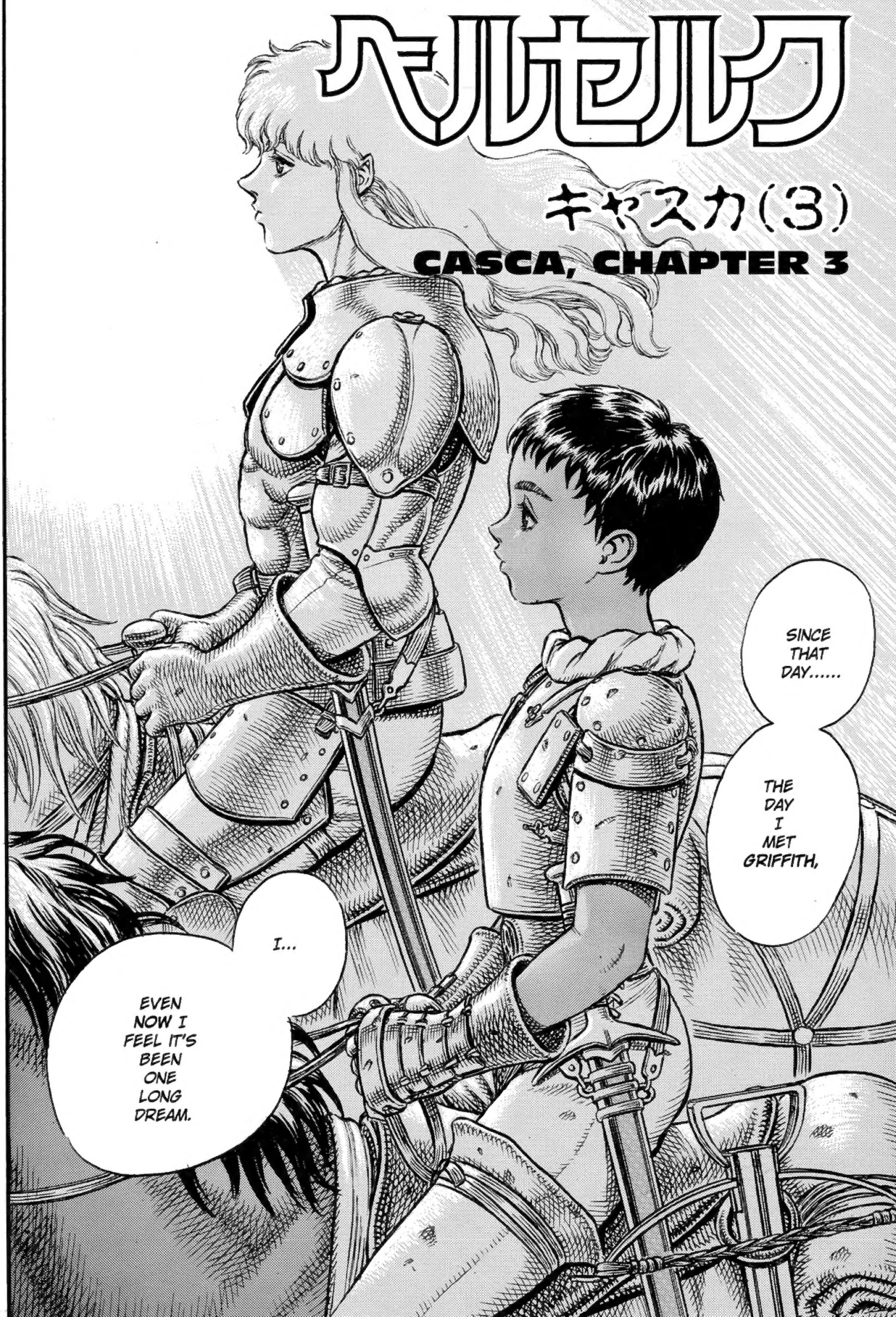
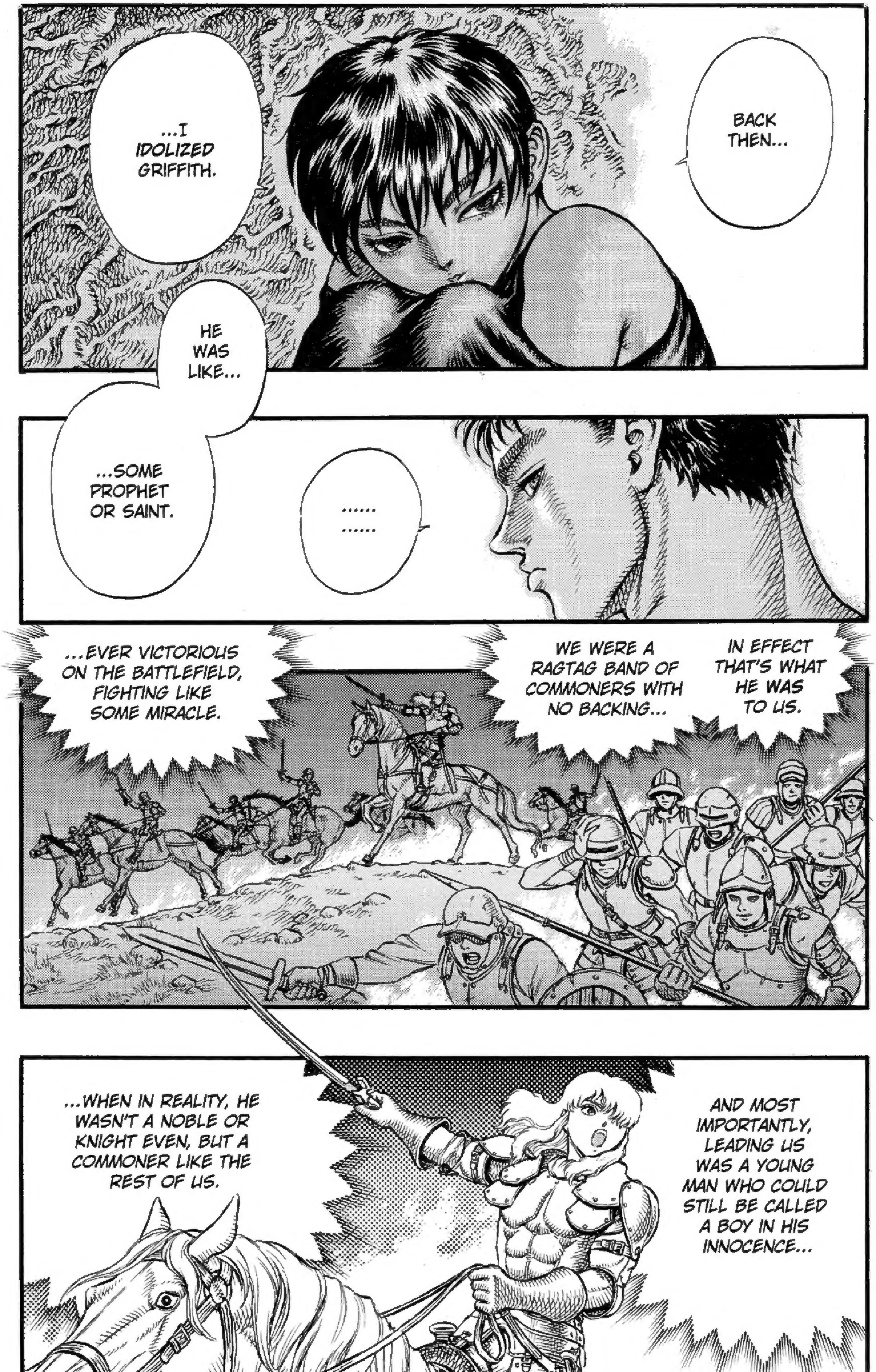
CASCA, CHAPTER 3


SINCE THAT DAY......
THE DAY I MET GRIFFITH,
I...
EVEN NOW I FEEL IT'S BEEN ONE LONG DREAM.


BACK THEN...
...I IDOLIZED GRIFFITH.
HE WAS LIKE...
...SOME PROPHET OR SAINT.
....
IN EFFECT THAT'S WHAT HE WAS TO US.
WE WERE A RAGTAG BAND OF COMMONERS WITH NO BACKING...
...EVER VICTORIOUS ON THE BATTLEFIELD, FIGHTING LIKE SOME MIRACLE.
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, LEADING US WAS A YOUNG MAN WHO COULD STILL BE CALLED A BOY IN HIS INNOCENCE...
...WHEN IN REALITY, HE WASN'T A NOBLE OR KNIGHT EVEN, BUT A COMMONER LIKE THE REST OF US.

A MIRACLE ......
YES... IN MY EYES,
THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHAT GRIFFITH WAS.
......
AFTER A WHILE, I SOMEHOW CARVED OUT A LIFE AS A SOLDIER......
AT THAT TIME THE *HAWKS* BECAME INVOLVED IN A CERTAIN FEUDAL LORD'S DISPUTE.
HE WAS SAID TO BE A MAN OF FAME...
A WEALTHY MAN INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN SOVEREIGN AFFAIRS.
BUT THE WORST RUMORS ABOUT HIM DIDN'T INVOLVE HIS ASSETS,
RATHER HIS SORDID TASTES.

AS ATTENDANTS HE WOULD EMPLOY CHILDREN FROM NEIGHBORING VILLAGES... NEARLY ALL BOYS, WHO MET HIS TASTES...
IN TRUTH, THEY WERE IMPRISONED WITHIN HIS CASTLE AS PLEASURE SLAVES.
THEY WOULD BE AT HIS SIDE...
...CHILDREN WITH EYES... VACANT OF ALL BUT FEAR.
I GUESS THESE DAYS THAT'S NOT SUCH A STRANGE SIGHT...
...BUT TO BE HONEST, IT SENT A CHILL DOWN MY SPINE.
A HEART-RENDING SENSE OF FEAR AND DISGUST.
I HAD ALMOST BECOME LIKE THAT ONCE...
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BUT JUST LIKE THAT TIME...
...BY PUTTING HIS HAND ON MY SHOULDER... JUST FROM THAT, I MYSTERIOUSLY STOPPED TREMBLING.
AFTERWARDS...
...FOLLOWING SEVERAL SKIRMISHES...
HE WAS A BOY WHO HAD JOINED THE BAND OF THE HAWK HALF A YEAR BEFORE THEN, TO TRAIN TO BE A SOLDIER.
HE WAS ABOUT TEN YEARS OLD, AND I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME. HE DIDN'T REALLY STAND OUT ENOUGH TO BE NOTICED.
THERE WAS NO ONE TO RECOGNIZE THE REMAINS OF THIS NAMELESS SOLDIER-IN-TRAINING AMONG THE COUNTLESS FALLEN.
THAT IS... NO ONE BUT GRIFFITH...

IT WAS A TOY KNIGHT... SCUFFED, DIRTY, AND MISSING A LEG...
GRIFFITH.
THIS BOY'S BELONGINGS.
WHAT'S THAT?
GRIFFITH?
A TOY...
...ON THE BATTLEFIELD...
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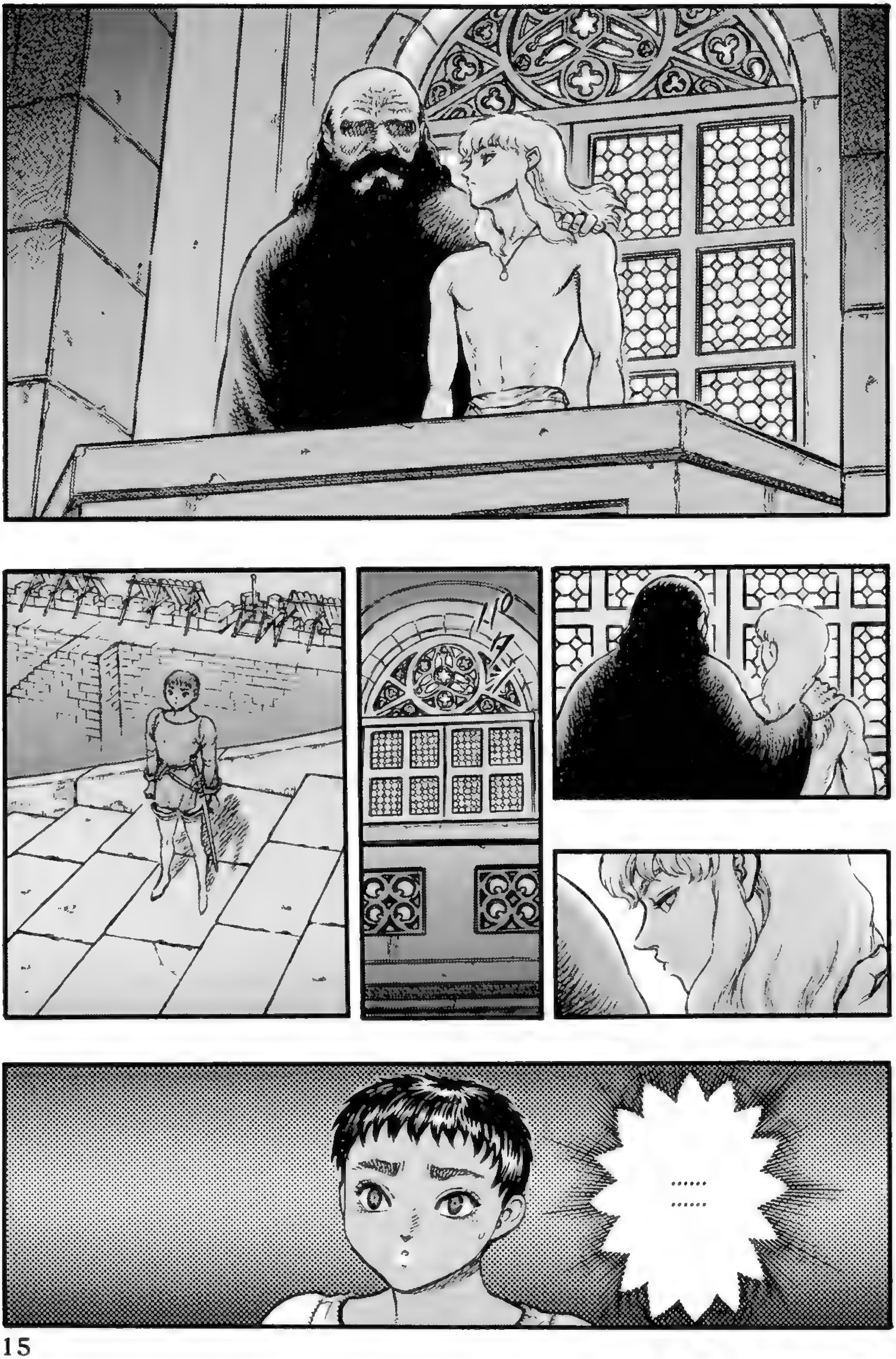
HE MUST HAVE GREATLY ADMIRED KNIGHTS.

I REMEMBER HIM WELL.
HE'D GAZE AT ME AS IF I WERE...
...THE HERO OF SOME STORY.
......
I WONDER...
...IF HE WAS HAPPY?
DREAMING...
DID HE DIE ENCHANTED BY HIS DREAM?
OR WAS DEATH...
...THE END OF THE DREAM?
WAS IT DESPAIR...?

MAYBE MY DREAM...
...IS WHAT KILLED THIS BOY.
I COULDN'T FIND...
...THE WORDS TO SPEAK.
......
I'D NEVER SEEN GRIFFITH LIKE THAT BEFORE.
NEVER SO...
...NEVER SO SOMBER.

BUT... EVER SINCE THEN, I'VE STARTED VIEWING GRIFFITH DIFFERENTLY...
THEN, ONE EVENING UPON RETURNING TO THE CASTLE...
GRIFFI--
GRIFFITH ...?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H...
...HEY!!
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?! YOU MEAN MISTER BALL OF PRIDE?!
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COME DAWN THAT MORNING...
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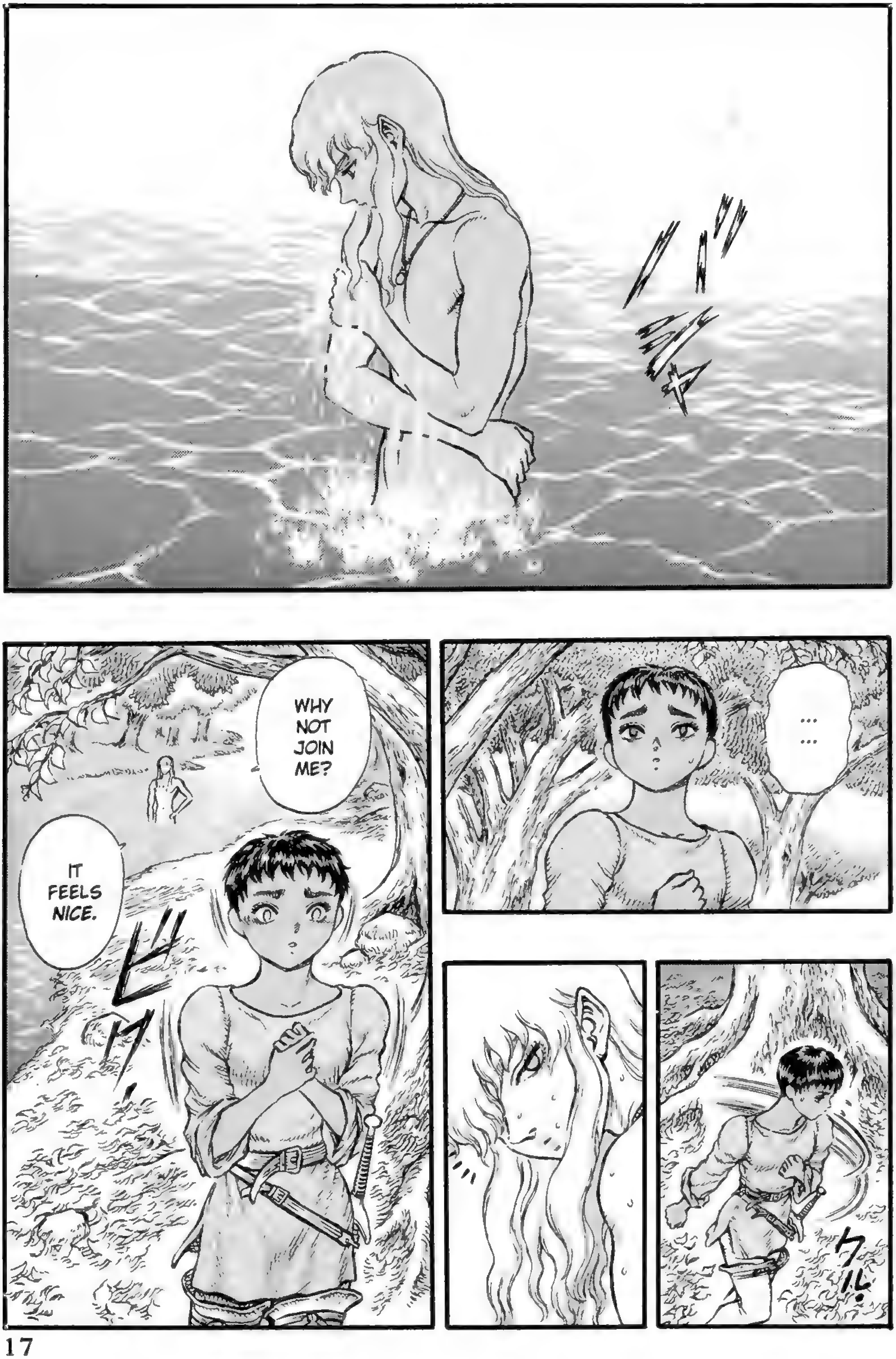
...I COULDN'T SLEEP AND WAS WANDERING ALONG THE RIVER NEAR THE CASTLE.


WHY NOT JOIN ME?
IT FEELS NICE.
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UH...
UH...
I...
AM I...
...DIRTY?
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WHY...
WHY...
...WERE YOU ALONE WITH HIM BEFORE?
....
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I...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
MY MISTAKE, HUH?
NO.
YOU'RE NOT MISTAKEN.
THAT, LAST NIGHT...
A WAR COUNCIL OR SOMETHING...
SO...!!
......
WHY...?
サワ サワ
WHY...
WHY WOULD YOU...
...WITH SOMEONE LIKE HIM...?!

MONEY.
HUH?
AN ARMY CONSUMES *SO* MUCH MONEY JUST *BEING.*
MEN. HORSES. EQUIPMENT. PROVISIONS. NONE OF IT IS FREE.
AND THE BAND OF THE HAWK WILL GROW LARGER AND LARGER... IT *HAS* TO.
FOR THAT *TOO* WE NEED A VAST AMOUNT... *WAR FUNDS.*
IN ANY CASE, I SEEMED TO APPEAL TO THAT OLD MAN......
AND I WAS *INTERESTED* IN HIS FORTUNE.
OUR INTERESTS COINCIDED.
......
YEAH, BUT...
STILL ...!!
A-AREN'T WE DOING WELL ENOUGH *NOW?* AT THIS RATE, IF WE CAN JUST KEEP WINNING...
...WE'LL *EVENTUALLY* RAISE ENOUGH...
IT WOULD TAKE *TOO* LONG.
BESIDES ...

...WITH EVERY BATTLE FOUGHT...
...I LOSE MORE TROOPS.
!
GRIFFITH...
IS THIS BECAUSE OF THAT BOY?
NO.
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT *LOGICALLY.*
TO GO TO BATTLE TEN TIMES AND LOSE HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS OR TO SEDUCE ONE OLD MAN... WHICH IS THE LESSER RISK?
....
CASCA.
LISTEN.
I DON'T FEEL AT ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR MY COMRADES WHO'VE LOST THEIR LIVES UNDER MY COMMAND...

I GUESS...
IT'S BECAUSE THEY *THEMSELVES* CHOSE TO FIGHT.
......
GRIFFITH?
THAT'S JUST THE WAY I AM.
BUT IF...
...FOR THEIR SAKES...
...FOR THE SAKE OF THE DEAD...
...IF THERE'S *SOMETHING* I CAN DO...
GRIFFITH, BLOOD...
THAT *THING*...
...IS TO *WIN.*
I'LL KEEP WINNING... TO FULFILL MY DREAM TO WHICH THEY CLUNG...
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...PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE.
GRIFFITH, STOP IT...!!

MY DREAM CAN ONLY BE REALIZED BY BUILDING UPON THEIR CORPSES.
IT'S A BLOOD-SMEARED DREAM AFTER ALL.
STOP.
I HAVE NEITHER REGRET NOR REMORSE ABOUT THAT.
BUT...
BUT... FOR HUNDREDS, THOUSANDS OF LIVES TO HANG IN THE BALANCE AND MYSELF *ALONE* NOT TO BE UNCLEAN...
WHAT I WANT... WON'T ENTER MY GRASP SO EASILY AS THAT.

……
STOP IT…
JUST STOP…

IT'S NOTHING.
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I'M AL-RIGHT …
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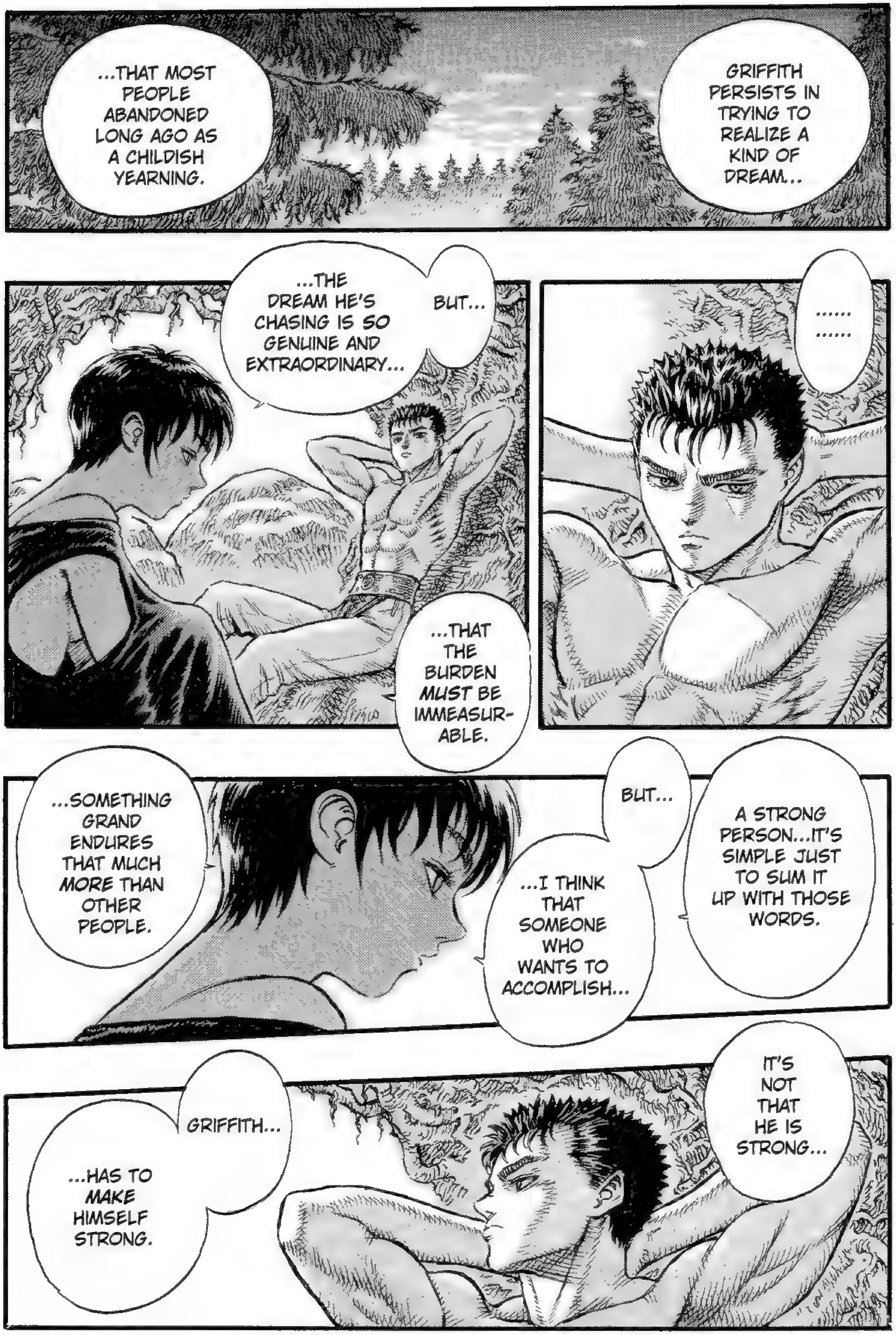
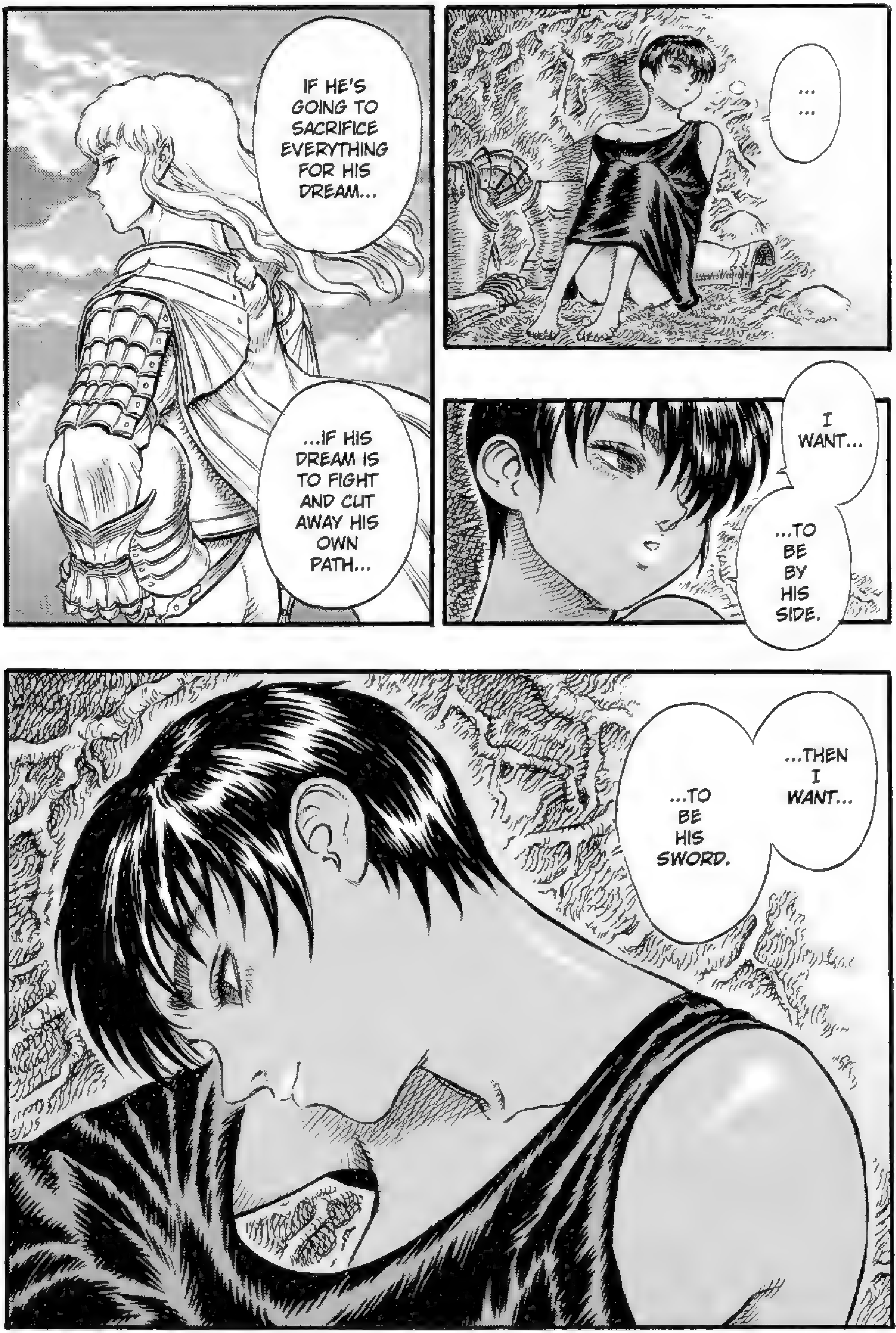
THE GRIFFITH WHO TURNED AROUND TO PUT HIS HAND ON MY SHOULDER WAS THE SAME GRIFFITH AS EVER ONCE MORE.
JUST THEN, THAT FILLED ME WITH SADNESS…


GRIFFITH PERSISTS IN TRYING TO REALIZE A KIND OF DREAM...
...THAT MOST PEOPLE ABANDONED LONG AGO AS A CHILDISH YEARNING.
......
......
BUT...
...THE DREAM HE'S CHASING IS SO GENUINE AND EXTRAORDINARY...
...THAT THE BURDEN *MUST* BE IMMEASURABLE.
A STRONG PERSON...IT'S SIMPLE JUST TO SUM IT UP WITH THOSE WORDS.
BUT...
...I THINK THAT SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO ACCOMPLISH...
...SOMETHING GRAND ENDURES THAT MUCH *MORE* THAN OTHER PEOPLE.
IT'S NOT THAT HE IS STRONG...
GRIFFITH...
...HAS TO *MAKE* HIMSELF STRONG.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I WANT…
…TO BE BY HIS SIDE.
IF HE'S GOING TO SACRIFICE EVERYTHING FOR HIS DREAM…
…IF HIS DREAM IS TO FIGHT AND CUT AWAY HIS OWN PATH…
…THEN I WANT…
…TO BE HIS SWORD.

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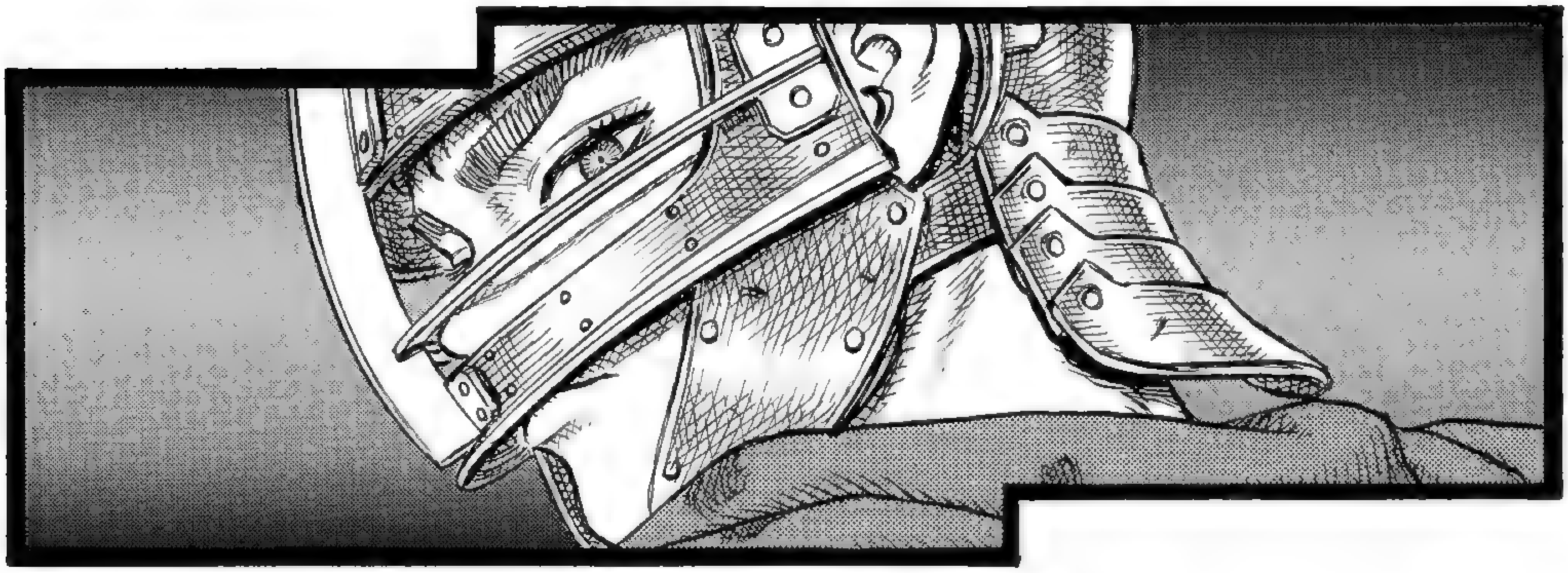

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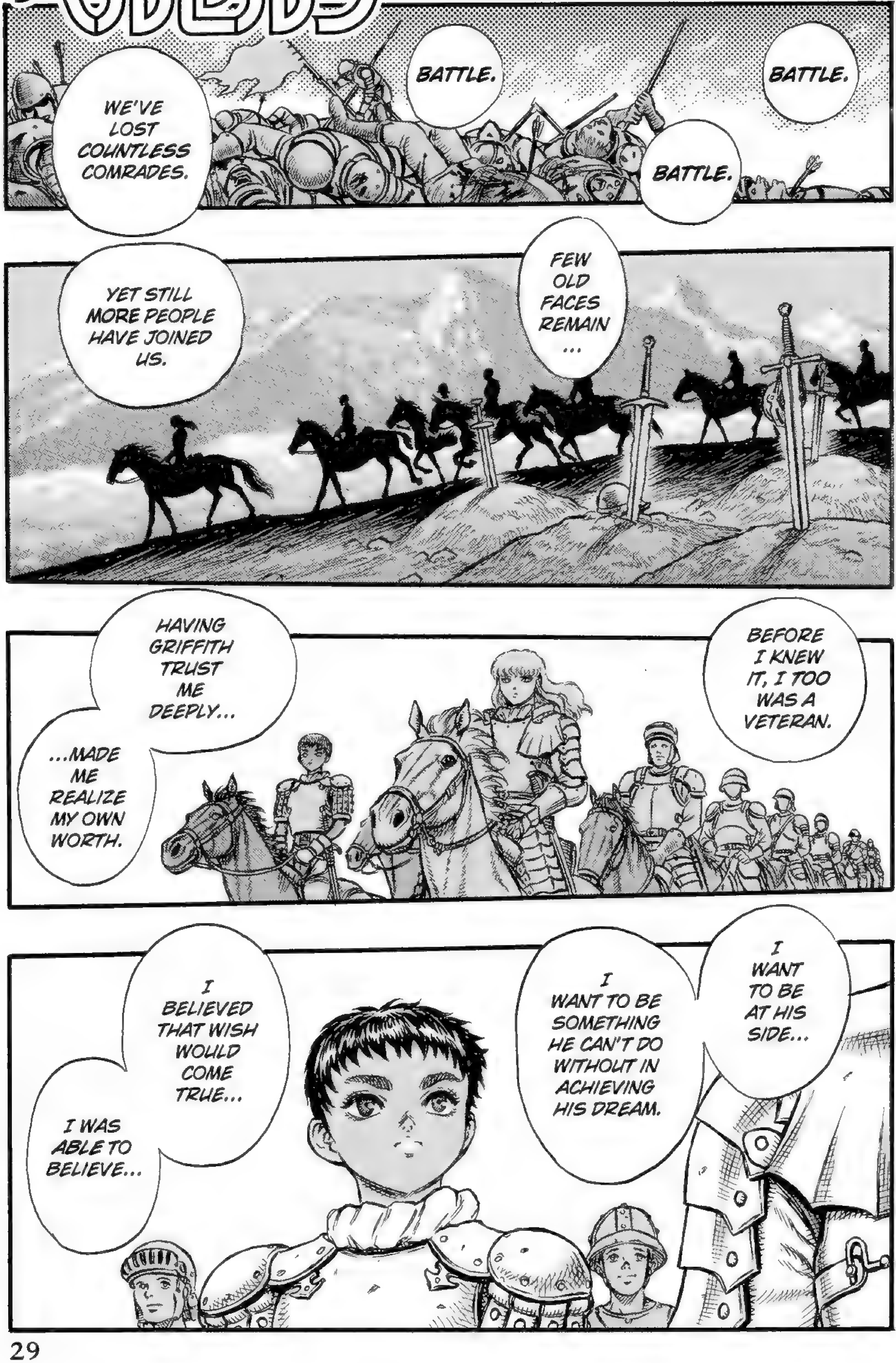
BATTLE.
BATTLE.
BATTLE.
WE'VE LOST COUNTLESS COMRADES.
FEW OLD FACES REMAIN...
YET STILL MORE PEOPLE HAVE JOINED US.
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I TOO WAS A VETERAN.
HAVING GRIFFITH TRUST ME DEEPLY...
...MADE ME REALIZE MY OWN WORTH.
I WANT TO BE AT HIS SIDE...
I WANT TO BE SOMETHING HE CAN'T DO WITHOUT IN ACHIEVING HIS DREAM.
I BELIEVED THAT WISH WOULD COME TRUE...
I WAS ABLE TO BELIEVE...

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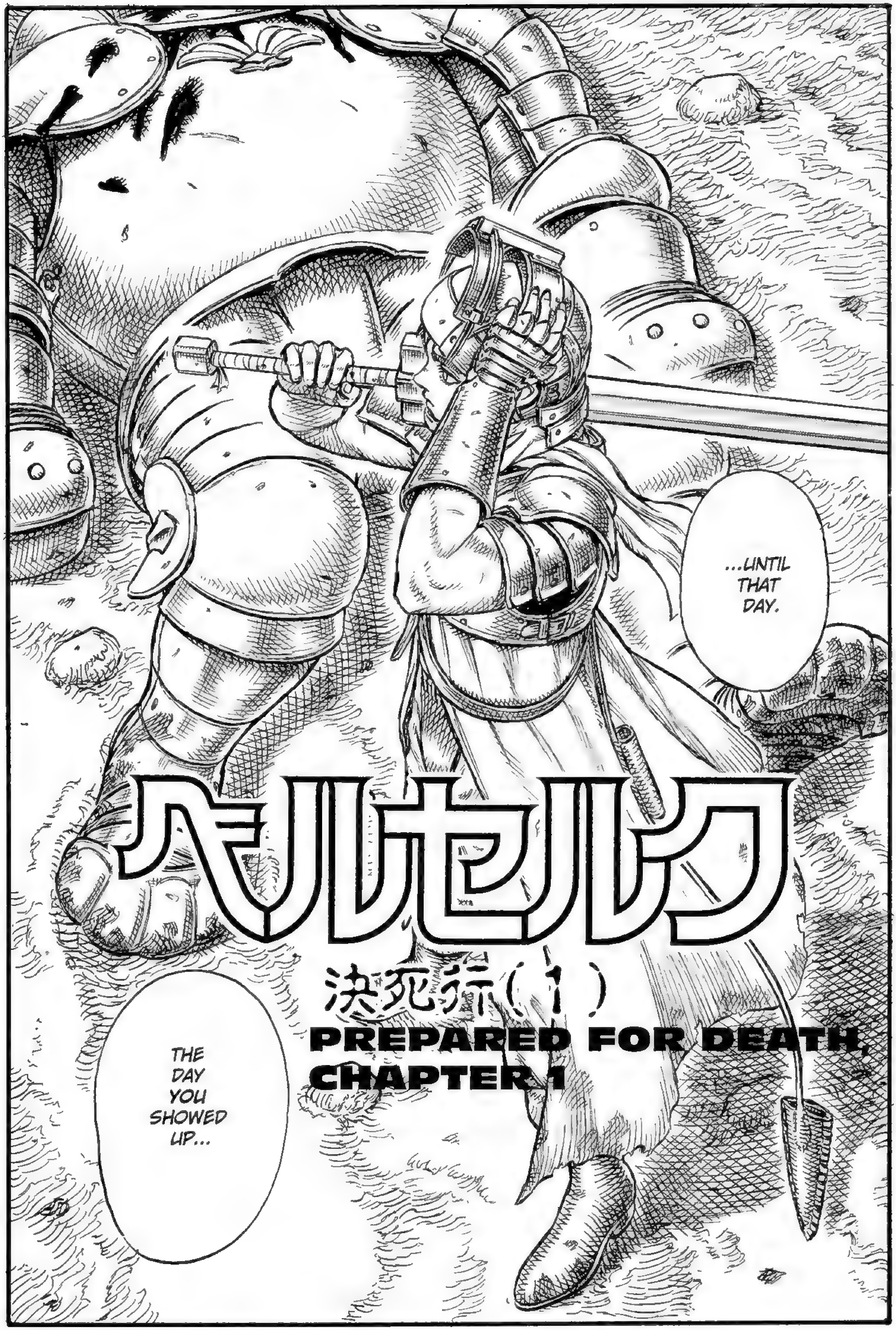
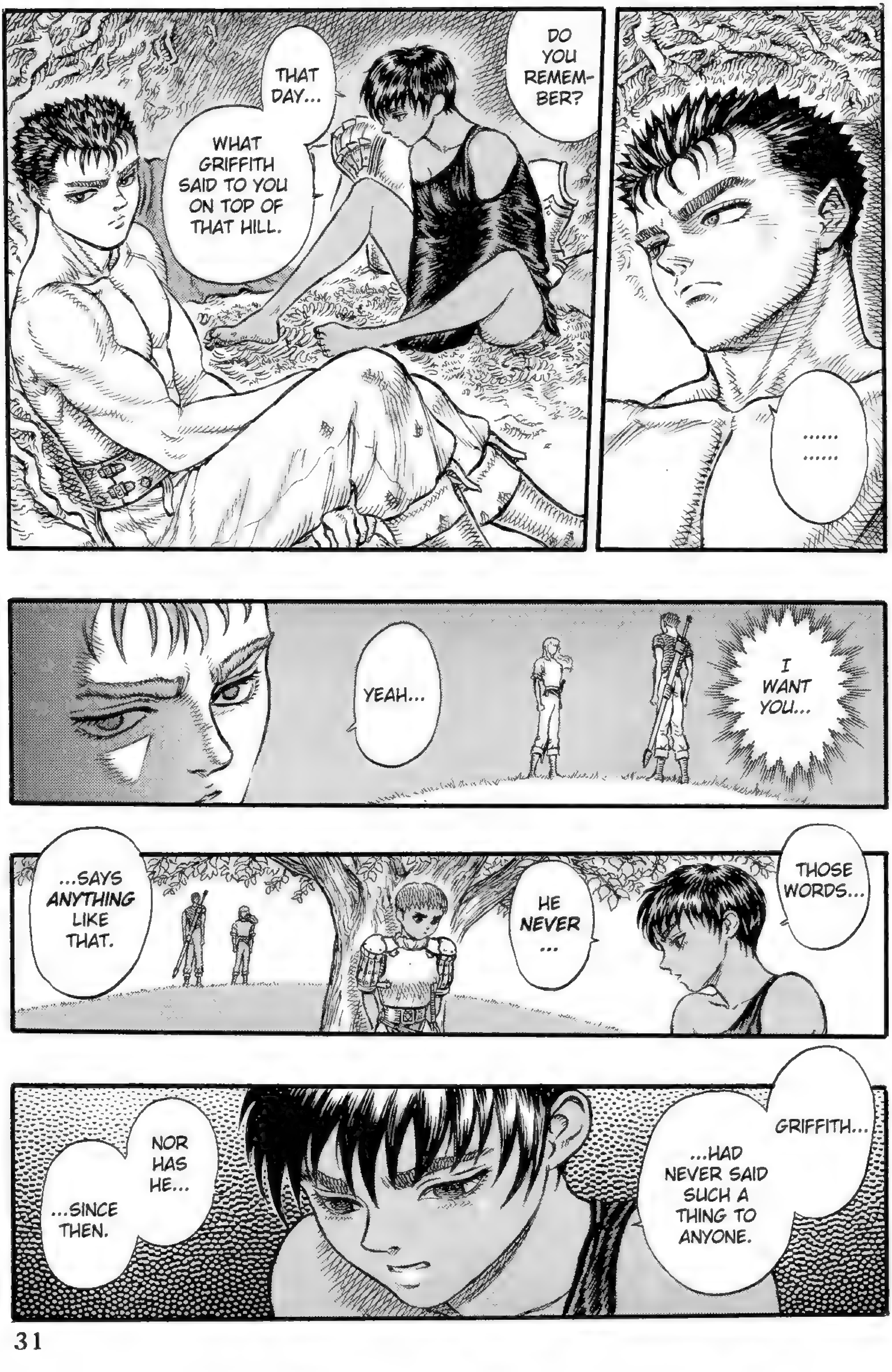
決死行（1）

PREPARED FOR DEATH, CHAPTER 1


...UNTIL THAT DAY.
THE DAY YOU SHOWED UP...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......
DO YOU REMEMBER?
THAT DAY...
WHAT GRIFFITH SAID TO YOU ON TOP OF THAT HILL.
I WANT YOU...
YEAH...
THOSE WORDS...
HE **NEVER** ...
...SAYS **ANYTHING** LIKE THAT.
GRIFFITH...
...HAD NEVER SAID SUCH A THING TO ANYONE.
NOR HAS HE...
...SINCE THEN.

……
YOU KNOW…
…I COULDN'T STAND IT.
YOU GOT GRIFFITH TO SAY THAT TO YOU SO EASILY…
I ENVIED YOU.
……
BUT…
EVEN SO…
…I TRIED TO CONVINCE MYSELF THAT GRIFFITH WANTED YOU…
…JUST FOR YOUR STRENGTH.
BUT GRIFFITH, SO CALM AND COMPOSED…
…ALWAYS GETS IMPULSIVE WHEN IT COMES TO YOU!!
IT'S AS IF…
AS IF…
…?

GRIFFITH RELIES ON YOU, YOU KNOW?
AND YET YOU'RE SELFISH...
YOU JUST RUN OFF, NOT THINKING OF CONSEQUENCES...
TCH!
WHAT I CAN'T FORGIVE...
...!!
UH... HUH?
IS THAT SELFISHNESS OF YOURS!
THE FACT THAT YOU'VE ALMOST GOTTEN GRIFFITH KILLED!!

I DON'T CARE IF YOU GET YOURSELF KILLED ON SOME BATTLEFIELD!!
BUT THE BAND OF THE HAWK...
I WON'T LET YOU TAKE GRIFFITH'S DREAM DOWN WITH YOU!!
......
......
YOU'RE THE ONE...
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...WHO CHANGED GRIFFITH THAT WAY.
AND I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU...

WHY IS IT...
WHY...
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE YOU......
WHY...

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WHAT THE...?!
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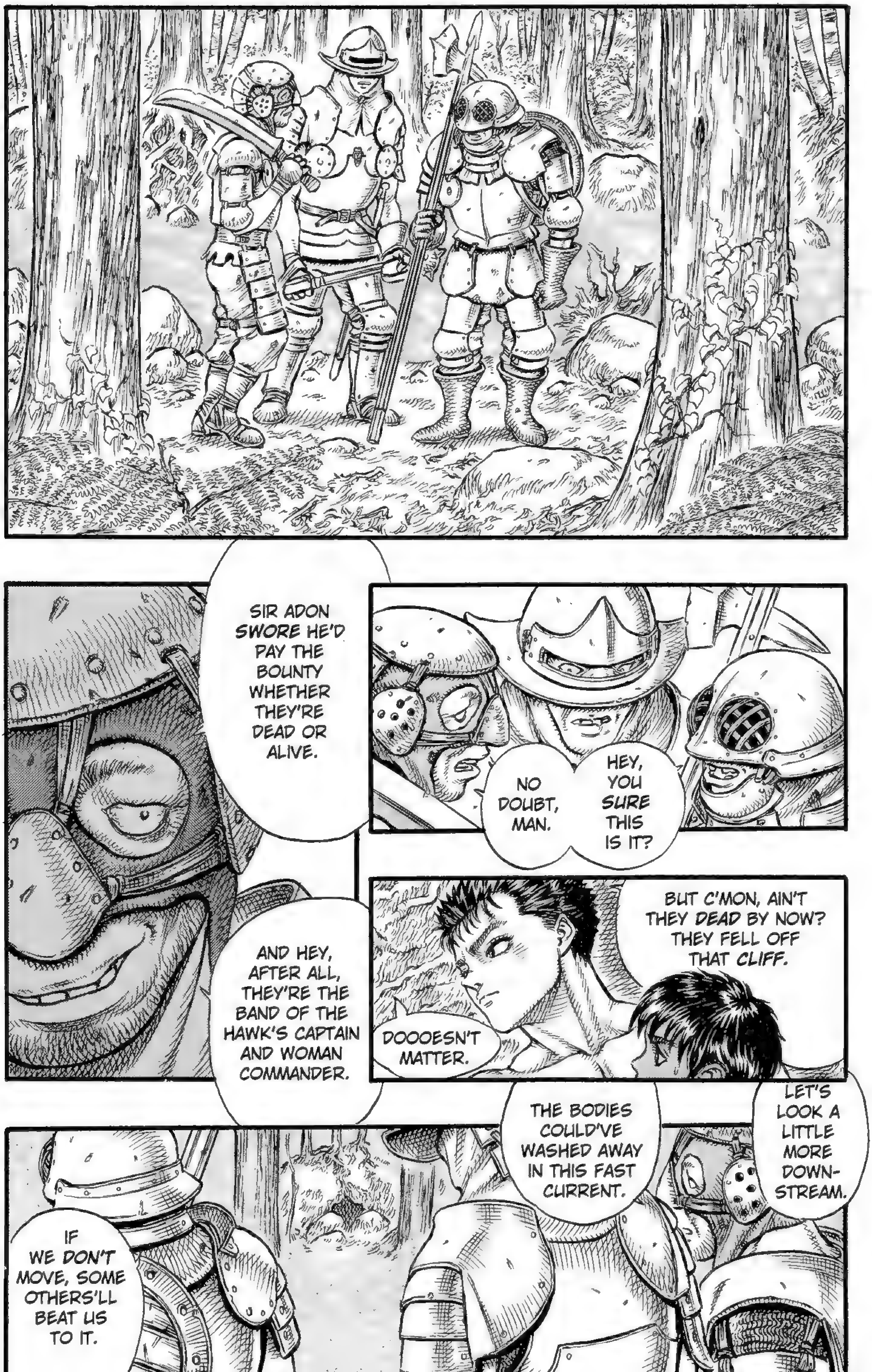
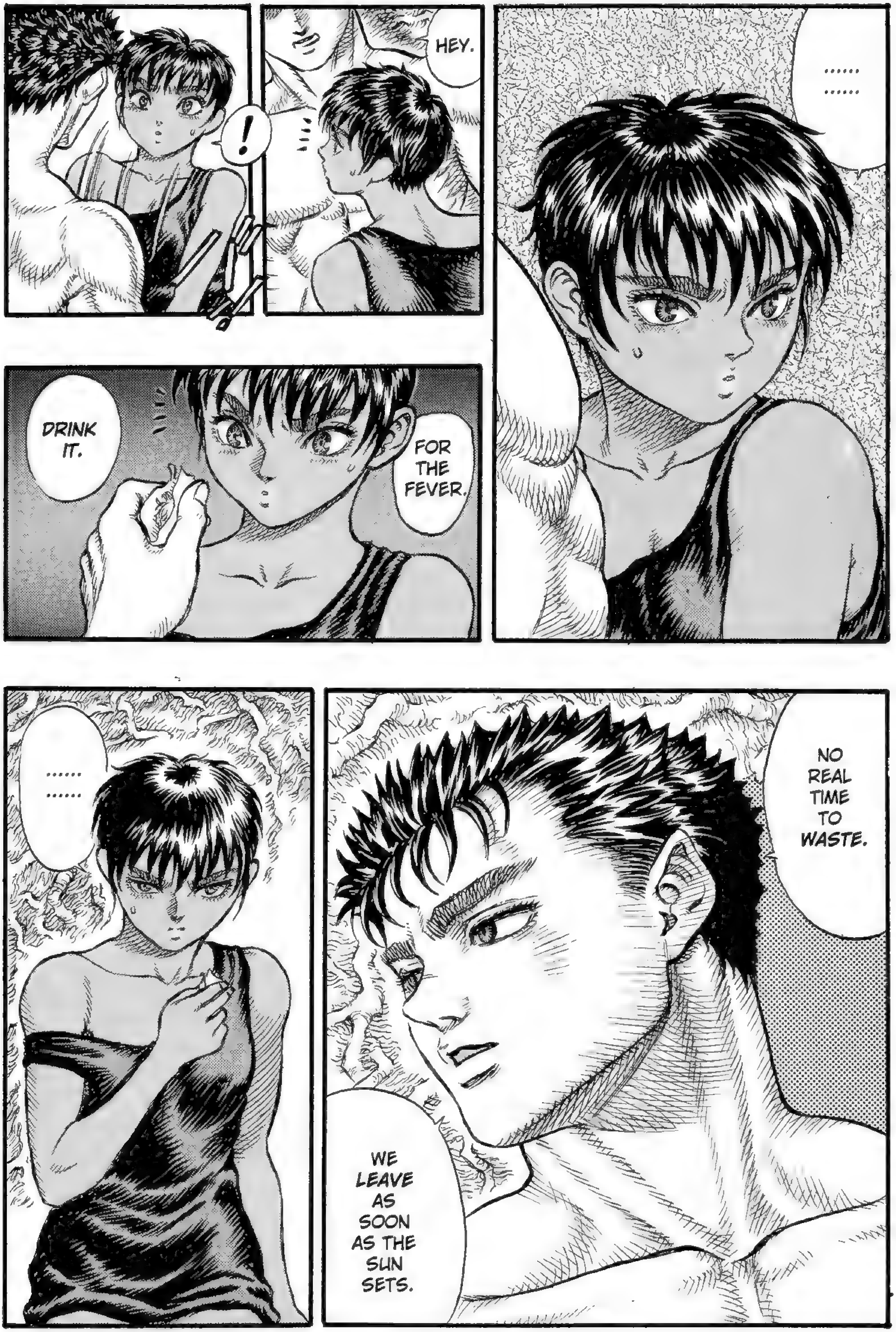
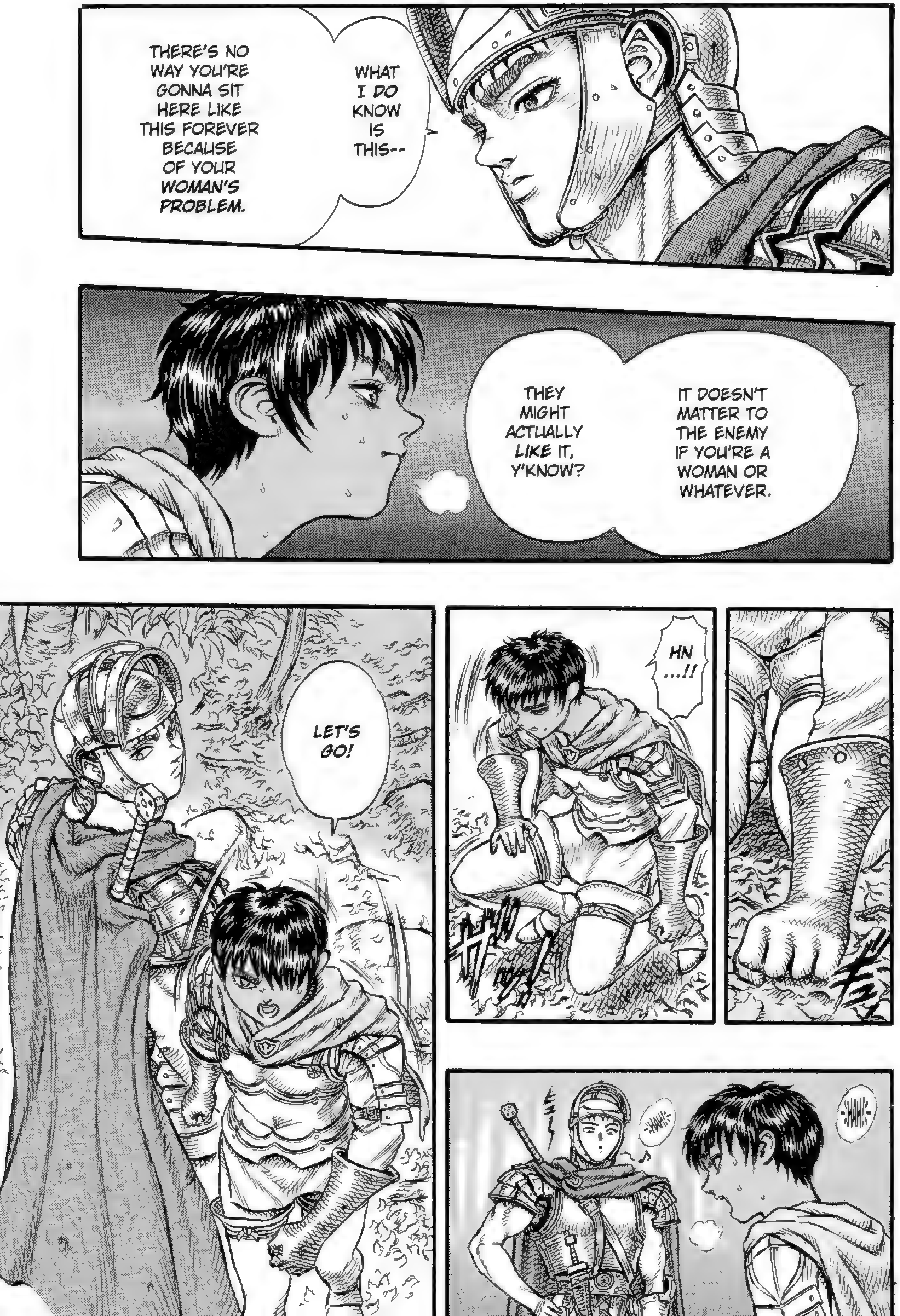

HEY, YOU SURE THIS IS IT?
NO DOUBT, MAN.
SIR ADON *SWORE* HE'D PAY THE BOUNTY WHETHER THEY'RE DEAD OR ALIVE.
BUT C'MON, AIN'T THEY *DEAD* BY NOW? THEY FELL OFF THAT *CLIFF*.
DOOOESN'T MATTER.
AND HEY, AFTER ALL, THEY'RE THE BAND OF THE HAWK'S CAPTAIN AND WOMAN COMMANDER.
LET'S LOOK A LITTLE MORE DOWNSTREAM.
THE BODIES COULD'VE WASHED AWAY IN THIS FAST CURRENT.
IF WE *DON'T* MOVE, SOME OTHERS'LL BEAT US TO IT.


....
HEY.
!
FOR THE FEVER.
DRINK IT.
NO REAL TIME TO WASTE.
WE LEAVE AS SOON AS THE SUN SETS.
....

HAHH
HAHH
WHAT'S WRONG?
ヨロ
ザク

-HAHH-
-HAHH-
WHAT THE HELL!!
WOMEN ARE SUCH ROYAL PAINS!
……
……
NO PHYSICAL STRENGTH! THINGS GO TO THEIR HEADS SO DAMN FAST!
AND PERIODS TO TOP IT OFF. JUST LOOK AT YA.
I GUESS THEY JUST AIN'T CUT OUT FOR IT.
BATTLE, THAT IS.
…!!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!
WHAT WOULD I KNOW? I'M A MAN.


WHAT I DO KNOW IS THIS--
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE GONNA SIT HERE LIKE THIS FOREVER BECAUSE OF YOUR *WOMAN'S PROBLEM.*
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO THE ENEMY IF YOU'RE A WOMAN OR WHATEVER.
THEY MIGHT ACTUALLY *LIKE* IT, Y'KNOW?
HN ...!!
LET'S GO!
HAH
HAH

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ヒュッ
ヒュッ
ドッ
AH ...?!
!

ガシャアアア
SWARMS OF 'EM! WHERE'D THEY ALL COME FROM?
……
……

HUHUH ...
THERE THEY ARE!
SO, YOU'RE ALIVE!! HAH HAHHH!
YOU MAKE ME HAPPY, BOY!!!
んばっ!
YO!
LOOKIN' LIVELY YOURSELF, PAL!
IMPUDENCE!!
LUCK OR NOT, I'M THROUGH BEING GIVEN A HARD TIME BY A LOWLIFE LOUT LIKE YOU!!
AS A PROUD KNIGHT OF CHUDER, IT ANNOYS ME TO NO END!!
ズシャアア

I WON'T JUST KILL YOU, EITHER. ONCE YOU'RE MY PRISONER...
...I'LL PERSONALLY ADMINISTER THE TORTURE TECHNIQUE PASSED DOWN THROUGH MY COBORLWITZ FAMILY FOR TWO HUNDRED YEARS! YOU'LL GET YOUR FILL OF HELL ON EARTH WITH THE "HUNDRED-YEAR CONVULSIVE DEATH."
OVER-KILL...
IF YOU SURRENDER QUIETLY, VERY WELL!! IF YOU DEFY ME, I'LL CHOP OFF AN ARM OR TWO!!
JUST SO LONG AS YOU SURVIVE!!
YOU SURE HOLD A GRUDGE.
WELL, SAME TO YA.
THE HELL'S THAT?
?
AS FOR THE WOMAN...
...SHE'LL BE A TOY FOR MY MEN HERE.
....
MAYBE YOU'D BETTER RETHINK THAT ONE...
SHE'S A NIGHTMARE.

SHE'LL BITE IT RIGHT OFF...
HNN ...!!
YOU DARE PRO-VOKE ME...?!
TAKE THEM!!!
BET SHE WOULD.

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POYAH!

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ヒュン…
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スパッ

YOU'VE DONE...
...ENOUGH FOR ME!
FAIR ENOUGH!

PREPARED FOR DEATH (1): END

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決死行（2）

PREPARED FOR DEATH, CHAPTER 2

ARGHHH!! DON'T FALTER!!
THERE'S TWO OF THEM!! MORE THAN TWO OF YOU ATTACK AT ONCE!!
SSS!

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ギャリイイイ・・・ーン!!
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WHA
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GAHA

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チュイ…

ウッシャ
ラァァァア
ギェェェェ!
ダッ
バッ

SHE GOT MY ARTERY!
ドシャァア゛
ヨロ…!
ドン…
……
……

BSHHHH
HNNN!
WORTHLESS, EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!!
SAAAMSON!!
SAMSON...
YAHHH BRO!!
SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE BLUE WHALE ULTRA HEAVY ARMORED FIERCE ASSAULT ANNIHILATION KNIGHT CORPS-- SAMSON!!
SSSP HAAA
HE'S MY LITTLE BROTHER, AND IN OUR CORPS, HE'S A WARRIOR SECOND ONLY TO MYSELF!!
THE THICKNESS OF SAMSON'S ARMOR IS THREE TIMES ORDINARY PLATE! EVEN IF HE WERE BURIED IN A ROCKSLIDE, IT WOULDN'T EVEN BE DENTED!
AND HIS IRON BALL CAN SMASH A WATER BUFFALO'S SKULL WITH ONE STRIKE!! ALL THAT'D BE LEFT OF A HUMAN ARE CHUNKS OF FLESH!!

GO!!
SHOW NO MERCY!!
BUT SHOW THEM OUR COBORLWITZ PRIDE!!
BSHAAAA
ORAHH
OUDDA DA WAYYY!!
YOW!
AIIE!
WHAT FREAKISH STRENGTH...!! A DIRECT HIT FROM THAT WOULD SHATTER A SWORD!!
BUT I CAN'T DODGE THAT BALL IN MY CONDITION!! WHAT NOW?!
......
......

BSSHAARA
!
HHH.
?!
EH?

ICH!
UWAHH!
NWAH?!
HE... HE HIT IT BACK?!
B...
...BAZ-DARRRD!
URAHHHHHH!
....!!

R- RIDICULOUS!!
HE'S STOPPING ALL OF SAMSON'S STRIKES?!
AH... AHAH!!
THEY'RE SO FAST...
HE HASN'T GOT TIME TO DODGE!!
NO.
WITH HIS SKILLS, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR GUTS TO DODGE AND COUNTER-ATTACK.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR HIM TO DAMAGE HIS SWORD TAKING THIS HEAD ON.
…… ……
IS IT...
...MY FAULT?
!
HE'S WOUNDED...?!

LOOKS LIKE THE ARROW WOUND YOU GOT PROTECTING THE WOMAN...
HUHAHAH...
HEY
...HASN'T QUITE HEALED YET HAS IT?!
HUH ...?!
OO... EYAH?
HEY.
I'LL BUY YOU A CHANCE.
HIGHTAIL IT THROUGH THE FOREST.
FSHHH
BUT...
B...
BUT THEN...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! HE'S WOUNDED!! GO ON AND SETTLE THIS!!

ドォオオーン!!

EGH?!
F...
FAS...
UWOH!

ドドオオーン!!
グシャアア…
.....
...!!
NOW!!
!
DON'T STAND THERE AND STARE!!
GET MOVIN'!!
B...
BUT...

WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'?!
RUN, FOOL!!
... ...
N-NO ...
I CAN'T DO THAT...
I CAN'T JUST...
...RUN OFF ALONE!!
....!!
HNNN ...
!
ジャキィィィ
F- FIRE!!
SHOOT THE WOMAN TO DEATH!!

......!!
!
GUTS ...?!
TCH!

DAHHH HA HA! YOU DOLT!! OH, LAUGHABLE.
NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE, FOR JUST ONE WOMAN!!
WHAT A SIMPLETON!!
THAT PRICK. BEIN' LAUGHED AT BY HIM PISSES ME OFF.
... ...
... WHY?
WHY...?
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.
... ...

SICK AS YOU ARE, YOU'RE JUST *IN MY WAY,* SO GET LOST.
IT AIN'T MY WAY TO RUN OFF!
BESIDES, I GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH BRIGHT BOY!
......
IT'S LIKE YOU SAID BEFORE...
MAYBE... I'M SATISFIED JUST AS LONG AS I CAN SWING MY SWORD AROUND...
......
HERE...
THIS WORTHLESS PLACE.
IS THIS WHERE IT ENDS FOR YOU?
DYIN'...
...IN A PLACE LIKE *THIS?*
...THIS RIGHT BY YOU?

IS WHAT YOU WANT *THAT* CHEAP?
A SWORD...
...RETURNS TO THE SHEATH, RIGHT?
...GO BACK.
DON'T BE SCARED!!
SURROUND THEM!!
GO TO YOUR SWORD MASTER...
GO TO GRIFFITH.

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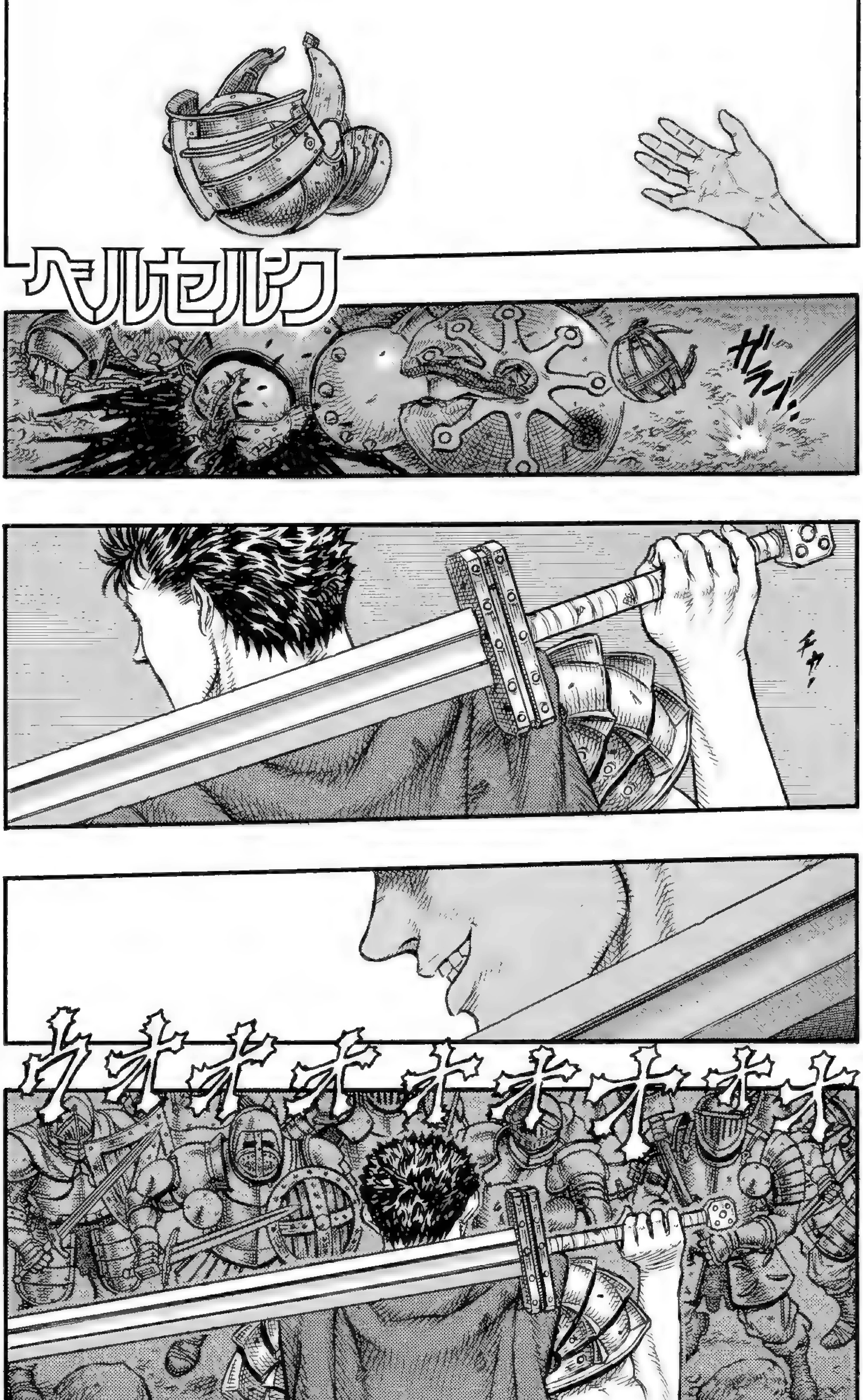
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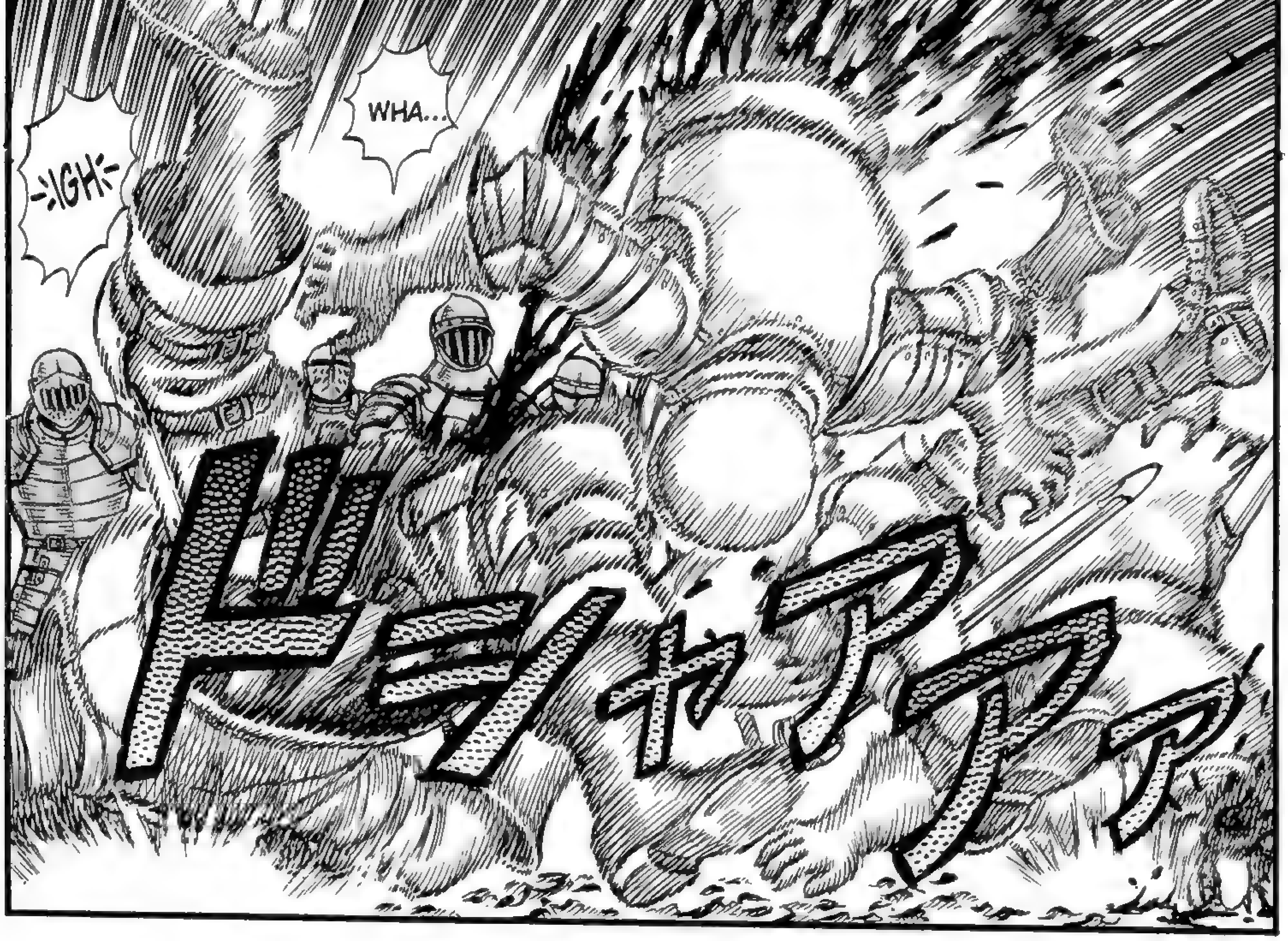
PREPARED FOR DEATH
CHAPTER 3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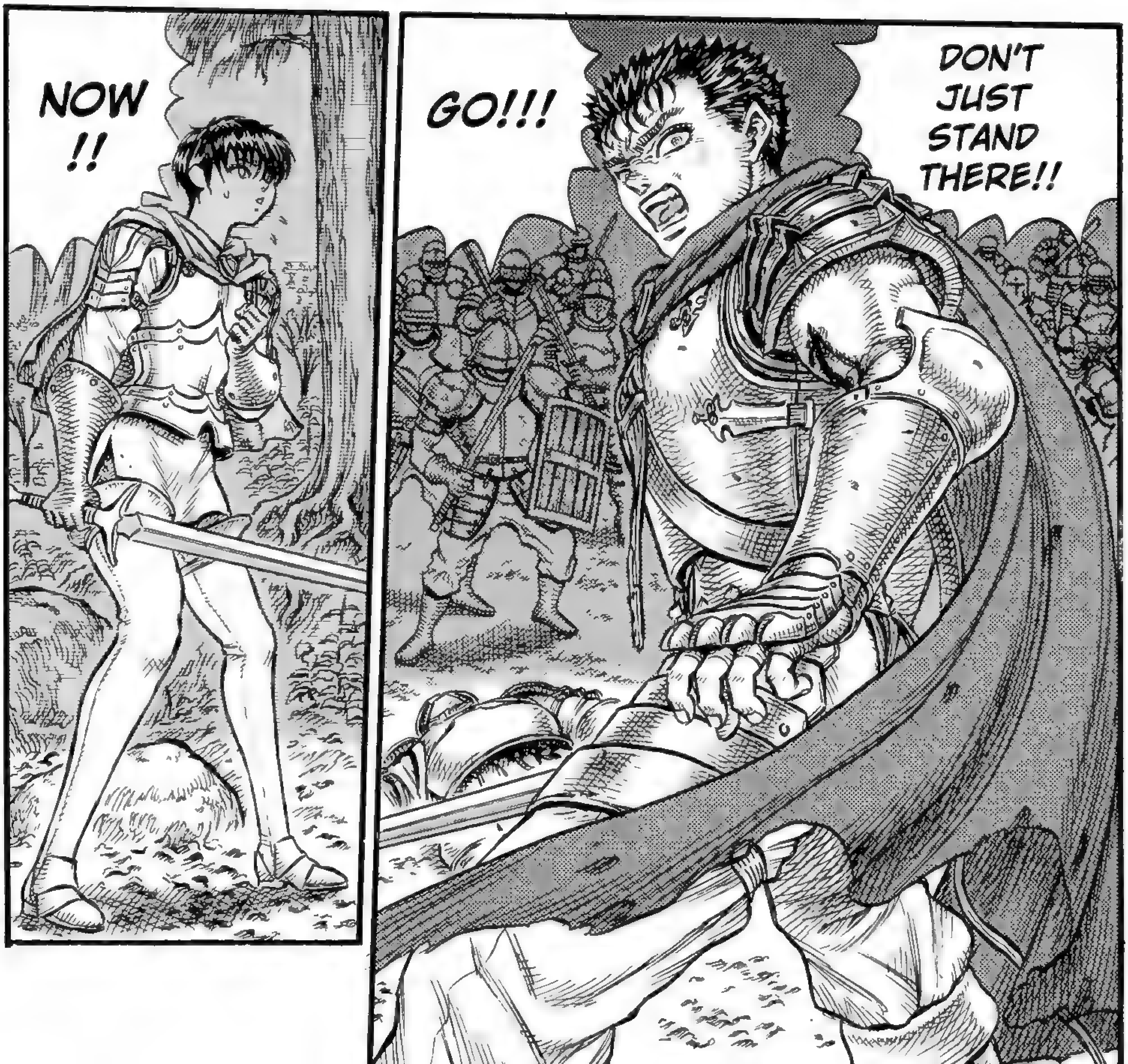
DON'T JUST STAND THERE!!
GO!!!
NOW !!

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I SWEAR I'LL COME BACK WITH THE OTHERS ...!!
UNTIL THEN ......
DON'T DIE!!
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DON'T LET HER ESCAPE!!
KILL HER!!
!
HANG ON!
YOHH!!
YOU CAN CHASE GIRLS AFTER YOU'VE DONE YOUR JOB.
BUNCHA WAGE THIEVES.

S...
SON OF A BITCH...
...AH?
UWAHHH!
SO QUICK!!

HYAH!
WHA ...?!
AIIEE!
HE CUTS DOWN FULLY ARMORED MEN LIKE THEY WERE *GROUND CHERRIES!*
THEY GO FLYING WITH EVERY STROKE!!
WHA- WHAT IS THIS GUY?!
N-NOBODY TOLD ME THE ENEMY HAD SOMEONE LIKE *HIM!!*

MY SWORD'S DULL. IT DON'T CUT TOO WELL...
ALTHOUGH IT'S OVER THREE TIMES THICKER AND HEAVIER THAN A REGULAR ONE...IF ONE HIT DON'T KILL YOU, YOU'LL WISH IT HAD.
HNNRRGH...
DAMN YOUUU!
ALL OF YOU!!
WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR?!
NO MATTER HOW SKILLED HE IS, HE'S JUST ONE WOUNDED MAN!! IT'S NO BIG DEAL, JUST SURROUND HIM!! THERE WERE A HUNDRED OF US!!
YEAH, BUT THAT DON'T MEAN WE WANNA DIE.
WON'T ANYONE HERE GET REVENGE FOR SAMSON?!
YOU CALL YOURSELVES PROUD KNIGHTS OF CHUDER?!
SHOULD WE? HE'S THE ONE WHO WENT AND GOT HIMSELF KILLED.
WE'RE JUST MERCENARIES, MAN.
... ...
WHOEVER TAKES HIS HEAD...
...I GUARANTEE YOU THREE...NO, FIVE TIMES THE BOUNTY, AND YOU'LL BE PUT IN CHARGE OF A HUNDRED MEN.

F-FIVE TIMES. WHADDA YA THINK?
HEH, WHADDA YOU THINK I THINK...?
MAYBE I OUGHTA LEAVE TOO.
I BET HE CAN'T MOVE TOO WELL WITH THOSE WOUNDS... IF ABOUT FIVE OF US WERE TO TAKE HIM...
YOU GO FIRST.
ALL OF US AT ONCE.
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ALL TOGETHER NOW!
DIIIE!!
RIGHT, RIGHT.
THAT'S HOW MERCENARIES GET THINGS...
...DONE!

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-HAH!-
PUR-SUERS!!
FOUR... NO, FIVE!
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HEY!
DAMN THAT BITCH!!

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Y...
...YEAH!
I GOT--

HIS LEFT HAND IS TOTALLY MESSED UP! NOW HE WON'T BE ABLE TO SWING THAT RIDICULOUSLY BIG SWORD AROUND SO EASILY!
GOOD!
…… ……
HEH!
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NOW THIS'S GOTTEN INTERESTING.

NO USE...
... CAN'T ...
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...CAN'T RUN ANYMORE!!
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WHY YOU!!

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YEAH!
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GUH!
WOOP!
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YOU'VE CAUSED US A LOTTA TROUBLE, GIRLY.
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...!!
WE'LL PUT YOU OUTTA YOUR MISERY SOON ENOUGH,
BUT YOU STUCK IT TO A BUNCH OF OUR GUYS...
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SO AS THANKS, WE'RE GONNA STICK IT TO YOU BEFORE YOU GO.
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SO MUCH FUN YOU'LL THANK US.
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DON'T LOOK THAT WAY. WE'RE GONNA GIVE YOU SOME FUN BEFORE YOU GO TO THE AFTERLIFE.

HUHUH!
FRUS-TRATED?
MAYBE YOU DO COMMAND A THOUSAND MEN...
...BUT YOU'RE PRETTY CUTE IN THIS POSITION.
...AGAIN...
I CAN'T EVEN SHOVE A CREEP LIKE HIM ASIDE.
...MY ARM.
I FEEL SO POWERLESS...!!

DON'T THINK ABOUT BITIN' YOUR TONGUE.
IT'D BE BORING IF YOU DIED NOW.
!
HERE...
THIS WORTHLESS PLACE.
IS THIS WHERE IT ENDS FOR YOU?
...GO BACK.
GO TO YOUR SWORD MASTER.

HEHE HEH...
AH WELL, SHE'S *DESPERATE* NOW. THIS WON'T BE AS *EXCITIN'* IF SHE DON'T STRUGGLE A BIT.
I WON'T BITE MY TONGUE.
OH?!
HOW-EVER...
...I WON'T LET YOU HAVE YOUR *WAY* WITH ME *EITHER!*
WHAT?

YOU LITTLE ...!!
Y...
GYAHHHHH!!
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THAT'S ABOUT FAR ENOUGH.
SHE'S THE ONLY WOMAN FOR US.
SO SHE WON'T COME CHEAP.
PREPARED FOR DEATH (3): END

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AI YI YI!
IM-IMPOSSIBLE!!
WITH ONE ARM...!! HE'S KILLED HALF OF A HUNDRED MEN!!
THIS ISN'T JUST A FLUKE!
WHAAAT?
THERE'S STILL THAT MANY LEFT?
THE SUN'S GONNA COME UP BEFORE I FINISH SPLITTIN' YOUR HEADS.
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SURVIVAL

DON'T FALTER!!
HE CAN BARELY STAND NOW!! FALL UPON HIM ALL AT ONCE!!
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...!!

WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING...?
IN THIS DUMB PLACE...
...RISKING MY LIFE SO CHEAPLY.
IS IT FOR HER?
NO, PROBABLY NOT...
...NO TIME TO THINK.
RIGHT NOW...
ALL THERE IS NOW...
...IS HOW TO CUT...
HOW TO KILL...
THAT'S ALL.

EVEN THESE THOUGHTS WILL SLIP MY MIND IN TIME.
AND THEN ......
... ONLY ...
...THE BEAT OF MY HEART STILL REMAINS.
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HEH, SORRY ABOUT THAT.
FOR THE DELAY.
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IT TOOK AWHILE TO CONVINCE THE POWERS THAT BE...
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...HEY.
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HURRY...
EH?
...HE'S...
GUTS IS...
HURRY!!

HEY ...
THIS WAY, HURRY ...
GUTS ...?
WHAT HAPPENED?
...HE STAYED BEHIND WITH ALL THE ENEMY...
SO I COULD GET AWAY, HE...
IF WE DON'T HURRY ...!!
SOMEONE GIVE HER A HAND!
FORGET ABOUT THAT!!
....
COME ON!
RIGHT!
...BE IN TIME...
PLEASE BE IN TIME ......!!

HERE !!

OH, WOW.
Y...YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? THERE'S ALMOST A HUNDRED CORPSES. HE COULDN'T HAVE ALL BY HIMSELF...?
...!!
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GUTS ...!!
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...!!

GUTS!!
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......
H-HEY, THIS LOOKS BAD.
HEY!!
KEEP IT DOWN...
DON'T SHAKE ME.
YOU'LL JUST MAKE THE WOUNDS WORSE...
GUTS!!

MOVE, MOVE!! CLEAR THE WAY!!
OPEN A PATH!!
EMERGENCY!!
THEY'RE BACK!!
THAT BASTARD SURVIVED AFTER ALL. TALK ABOUT STUBBORN.

LEMME OFF! I'LL WALK!
YOU'RE EXAGGERATIN'!
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……
YOU'LL HURT YOURSELF!
DON'T MOVE!
THIS'S A DISGRACE!
LOOK, YOU! I AIN'T A RAGDOLL!
HOW 'BOUT BEIN' A LITTLE CAREFUL!
OW.
OW.
I SAID "OW!"
AGGHH, STOP THAT!
YOU'RE IN BAD ENOUGH SHAPE AS IT IS!

WHEWW. WHAT A FRIGHTFUL MAN.
KEH!
NORMALLY SOMEONE WITH THAT MANY WOUNDS SHOULD HAVE PASSED OUT LONG BEFORE NOW...
SO, HOW IS HE?
HMM... HE'S A *TOUGH* ONE.
WELL, I DON'T SUPPOSE HIS LIFE IS IN DANGER...
BUT HE *MUST* REST.
IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S THROUGH FOR THIS CAMPAIGN.
SCREW YOU!
I'M FIGHTIN' TILL THE END OF THIS CAMPAIGN EVEN IF I HAFTA CRAWL!
Y-YOU *DOLT!* IF YOU FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THAT...I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOUR SURVIVAL!
SURVIVAL GUARANTEE? WHAT THE HELL'S *THAT* GOT TO DO WITH WAR, ANYWAY?
ARGHH, FINE THEN!
I WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OUTCOME!
DO AS YOU WILL!!

WELL IN ANY CASE, THANK GOODNESS YOU TWO WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT BACK SAFE AND SOUND.
SAFE AND SOUND HOW?
TCH!
… …
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S GRIFFITH?
A WAR COUNCIL AT HEADQUARTERS.
HE LEFT THIS MORNING.
OHHH.
HE WON'T BE BACK UNTIL TOMORROW.

AND JUST WHEN THESE TWO CAME BACK. BAD TIMING.
!
CASCA.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE TREATED?
I'M FINE.
MINE'S ...
...NOT AN INJURY.
... ...
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?
....

OH YEAH, WE REALLY WEREN'T SURE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN FOR AWHILE THERE.
I GUESS WE'VE GOT CAPTAIN GUTS TO THANK THIS TIME AROUND.
Y'KNOW THOUGH, IT'S PRETTY COLD FOR EVEN BOSS GRIFFITH TO GO TO A WAR COUNCIL RIGHT NOW.
C-CUT IT OUT!
WE MUST HAVE REALLY WORRIED YOU ALL.
OH MAN... WE'RE SO RELIEVED, SIS!
...GO BACK.
GO TO YOUR SWORD MASTER...
GO TO GRIFFITH.
....

CASCA.
WHAT?
COULD I SEE YOU FOR A BIT?
I THOUGHT I'D TELL YOU SOMETHING...
WHEN GRIFFITH DECIDED TO SEND OUT A SEARCH PARTY TO FIND YOU TWO...
...THE NOBLES AROUND HIM STRONGLY OPPOSED HIS DECISION FOR VARIOUS REASONS.
BUT GRIFFITH SAID...
...AND PLAINLY...
"THOSE TWO ARE VITAL TO THE BAND OF THE HAWK."
"I WILL NOT LOSE THEM."

GRIFFITH SAID THAT?
YEAH.
THAT'S A BIG DEAL, HIM SAYING ALL THAT.
TRUTHFULLY, I WAS A TAD JEALOUS ...
THEN THERE'S THIS.
PUT SOME ON THE HERO OF THE HUNDRED.
...POWDER.
MEDICINE ...?
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THERE WAS THIS ELF IN A TRAVELING ENTERTAINMENT TROUPE I USED TO WORK FOR YEARS AGO.
HE WAS GOOD FOLK, AND THAT'S WHAT HE GAVE ME WHEN I WAS BADLY INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT.
ELF DUST.
ELF...? NO WAY...
IT'S TRUE.
WELL, I GUESS NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE IN THEM THESE DAYS...
BUT THEY *REALLY* EXIST.
WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IN THEM OR NOT DOESN'T MATTER...JUST THAT THE POWDER IS *CERTIFIED EFFECTIVE*.
I'VE ESCAPED DEATH EVEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD THANKS TO *THAT* STUFF. THAT'S THE *LAST* OF IT.
BUT SOMETHING SO VALUABLE...
DON'T SWEAT IT. IT'S A GOOD DEAL IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, ONE BAG OF MEDICINE FOR A HUNDRED DEAD ENEMIES.
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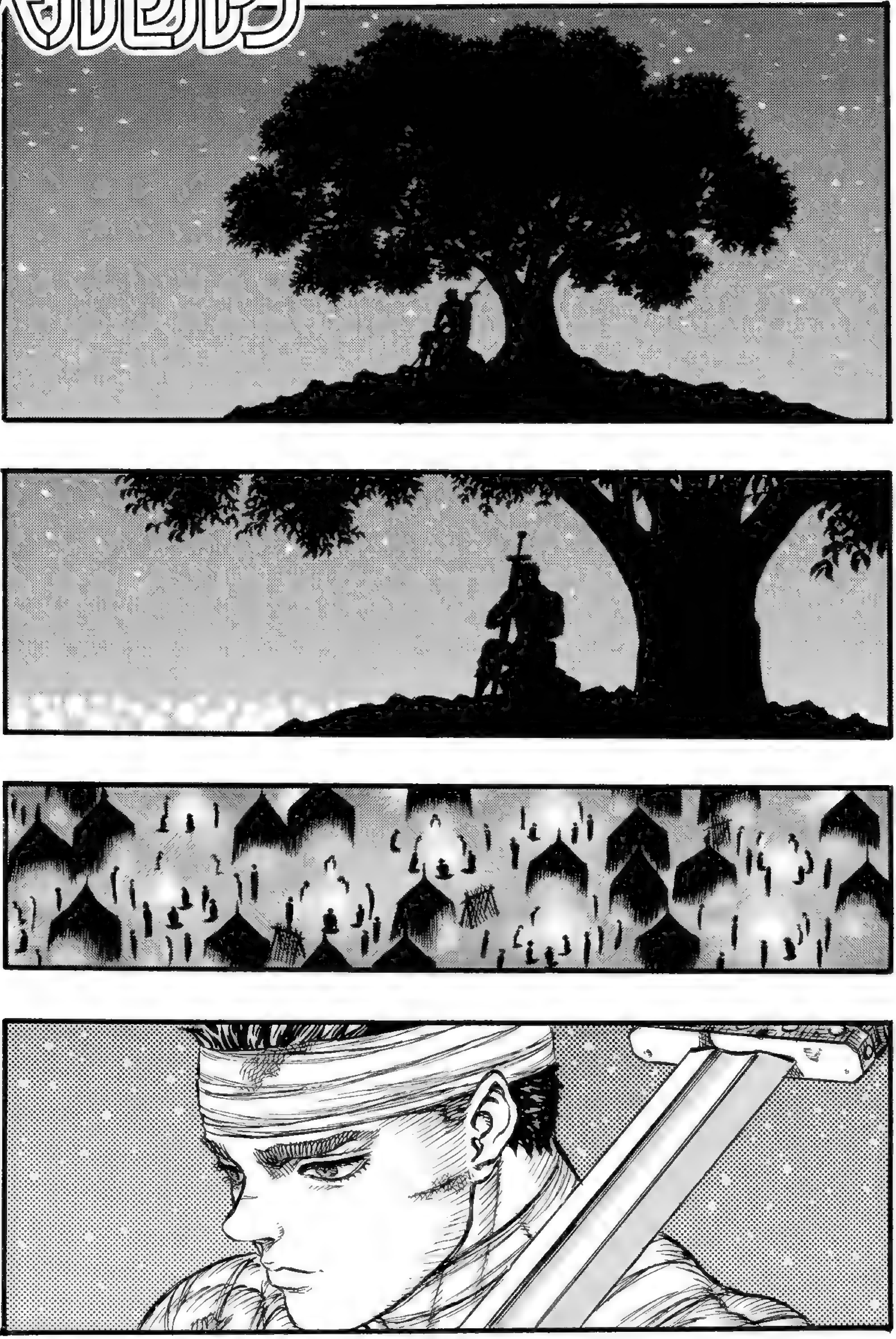
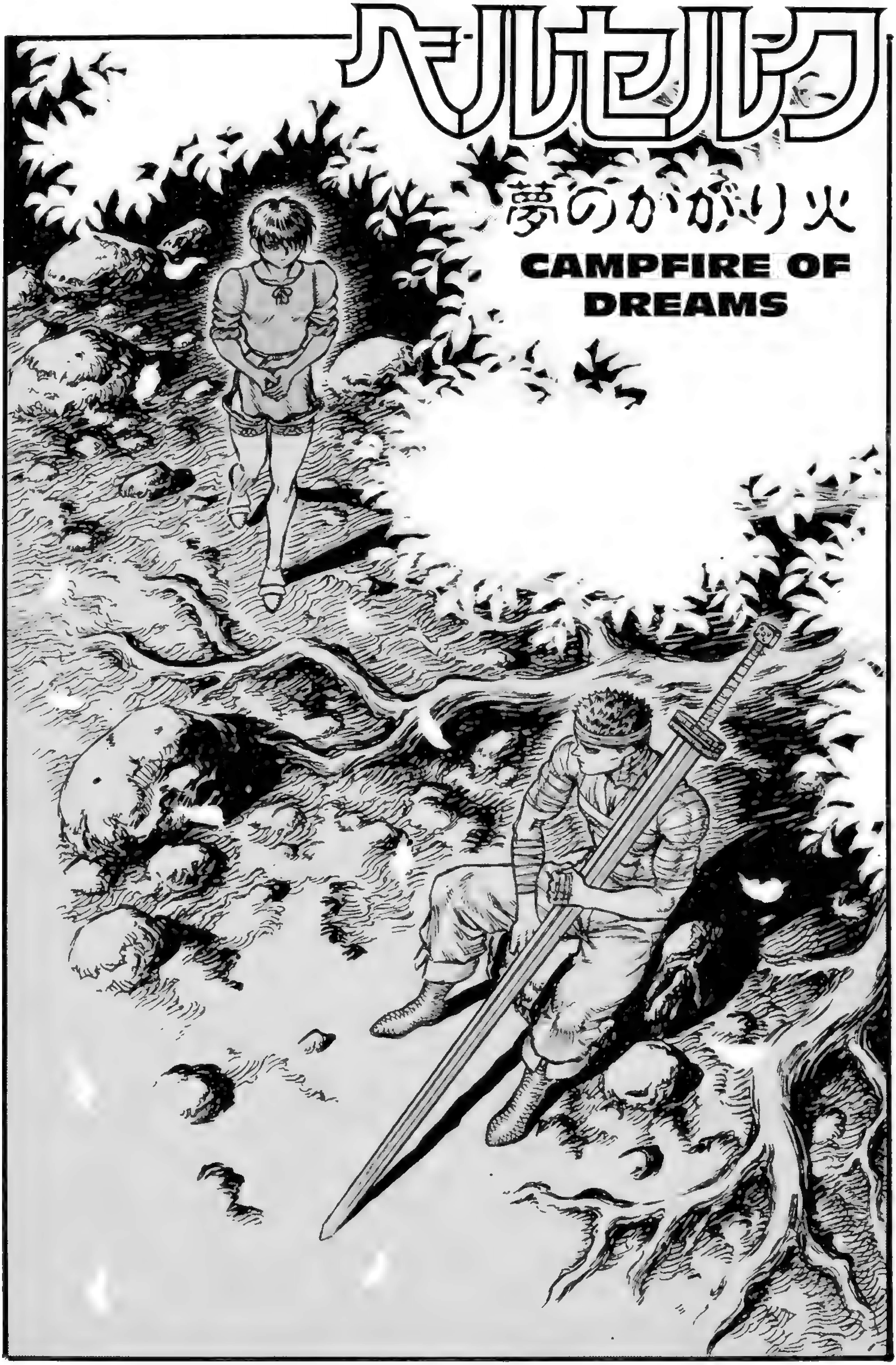
THANK YOU...
...JUDEAU.
...HUH.
SHOWING A SOFT SIDE...
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HAPPENED?

SURVIVAL:END





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CAMPFIRE OF DREAMS

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IS THIS OKAY?
YOU NOT RESTING...?
I FEEL TOO HOT TO SLEEP. THIS WAS THE COOLEST PLACE.
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H-
HEY.
DON'T MOVE.
THE PAIN'S FADING?
WHAT'S THIS STUFF?
JUDEAU GAVE IT TO ME.
MYSTICAL HEALING ...
... MEDICINE HE SAID.
C'MON!
TURN AROUND.
... ...
IT'S NOT SOMETHIN' YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT.
HUH ...?

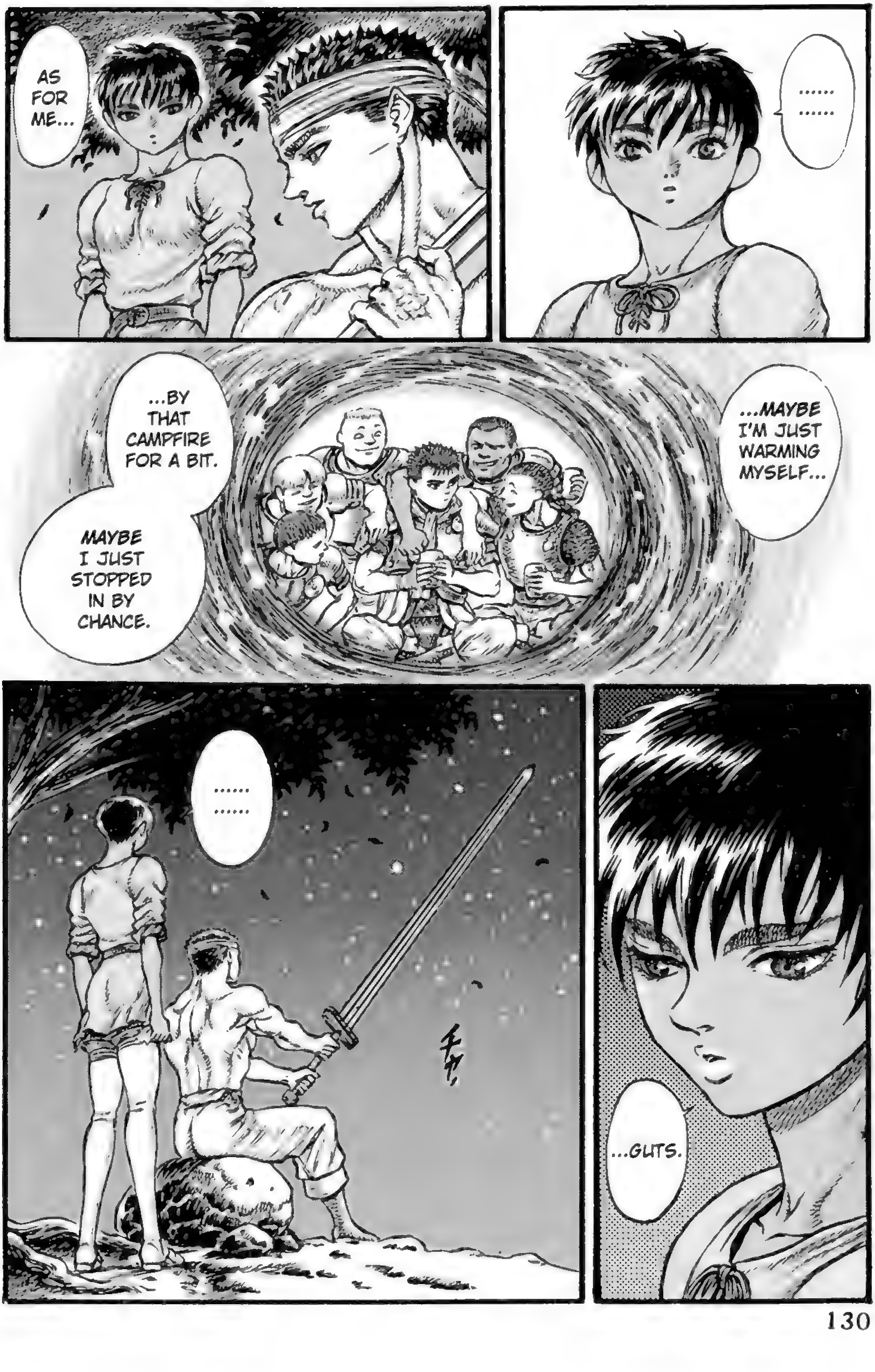
THAT WAS SOMETHIN' I DID ON MY OWN.
IT WASN'T REALLY FOR YOUR SAKE. FIGHTIN' IS MORE MY NATURE THAN RUNNIN' AWAY.
JUST BECAUSE IT'S YOUR NATURE...
...YOU FOUGHT CLOSE TO A HUNDRED ENEMIES?
...YEAH.
BESIDES, I HAD A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THAT DUDE.
I WAS SO INTO SWINGIN' MY SWORD THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, THOUGH.
......
BUT STILL...
...TO BE BLUNT...
...AND I THOUGHT THIS THEN, TOO...

COMPARED TO WHAT YOU'RE DOING...
...ME FIGHTIN' WITH A HUNDRED MEN... DOESN'T REALLY MATTER...
....
IT AIN'T JUST YOU.
GRIFFITH'S THE SAME WAY...
HE'S GOT SOMETHING HE'D BET HIS ENTIRE LIFE ON......
I THINK THAT KINDA THING'S AMAZING...
...COMPARED TO THAT...
...IF I WERE TO GO OUT AND FIGHT A HUNDRED OR A THOUSAND MEN...
...IT WOULDN'T REALLY BE ANY BIG DEAL. THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

GUTS...
WHAT A NICE VIEW.
YEAH.
Y'KNOW, GASTON...
?
HE'S MY SECOND-IN-COMMAND...
THE ARMY'S NOT REALLY GASTON'S THING...
ONCE THE WAR'S OVER, HE PLANS TO OPEN A CLOTHING SHOP IN DOWNTOWN WINDHAM WITH MONEY HE'S SAVED UP.
HE'S MORE SKILLED THAN HE LOOKS.
NICHOLE PROPOSED TO A WOMAN, BUT SHE REFUSED BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T WANT TO BE WITH A COMMON SOLDIER.
HE SWEARS HE'LL GET PROMOTED TO LEADING A HUNDRED MEN SOON AND PROPOSE AGAIN. HE DOESN'T CARE HOW RISKY IT'LL BE IN BATTLE. WELL, I GUESS EVERYONE'S STAKED THEMSELVES ON LOST CAUSES.
?
?
...SO WHEN I LOOK OUT THERE...
...IT'S LIKE EACH ONE OF THOSE LIGHTS...
...CONTAINS TINY DREAMS AND HOPES...
THAT'S THE WAY IT LOOKS...

CAMPFIRE OF DREAMS...
...HUH.
YOU SMOOTH TALKER.
YOU SOUND LIKE SOME PRINCESS.
CAN IT.
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
BUT...
MAYBE THEY'VE ALL BROUGHT THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL LITTLE FLAMES TOGETHER HERE.
YOU COULD SCATTER THEM JUST BY BLOWING, SO ALL THOSE LITTLE FLAMES...
...THROW THEMSELVES INTO THE BIGGEST BONFIRE.

THE BLAZING INFERNO …
…NAMED GRIFFITH.
…MY FLAME AIN'T HERE.
… …
BUT Y'KNOW …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AS FOR ME...
...MAYBE I'M JUST WARMING MYSELF...
...BY THAT CAMPFIRE FOR A BIT.
MAYBE I JUST STOPPED IN BY CHANCE.
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AS LONG...
...AS I HAVE THIS, I'M *CONFIDENT* I CAN SURVIVE ANY BATTLE.
THAT'S HOW IT'S BEEN UP TILL NOW.
EVEN BEFORE I JOINED THE BAND OF THE HAWK...NO MATTER HOW *BADLY* THE BATTLE WAS LOST, I MYSELF WAS SURE TO SURVIVE.
LIKE THIS TIME...
BUT STILL...
...IT DON'T REALLY MEAN MUCH.
I WAS ON THE BATTLEFIELD BEFORE I WAS OLD ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND THINGS.
THE MERCENARY LEADER WHO RAISED ME TAUGHT ME NOTHING BEYOND HOW TO WIELD A SWORD.
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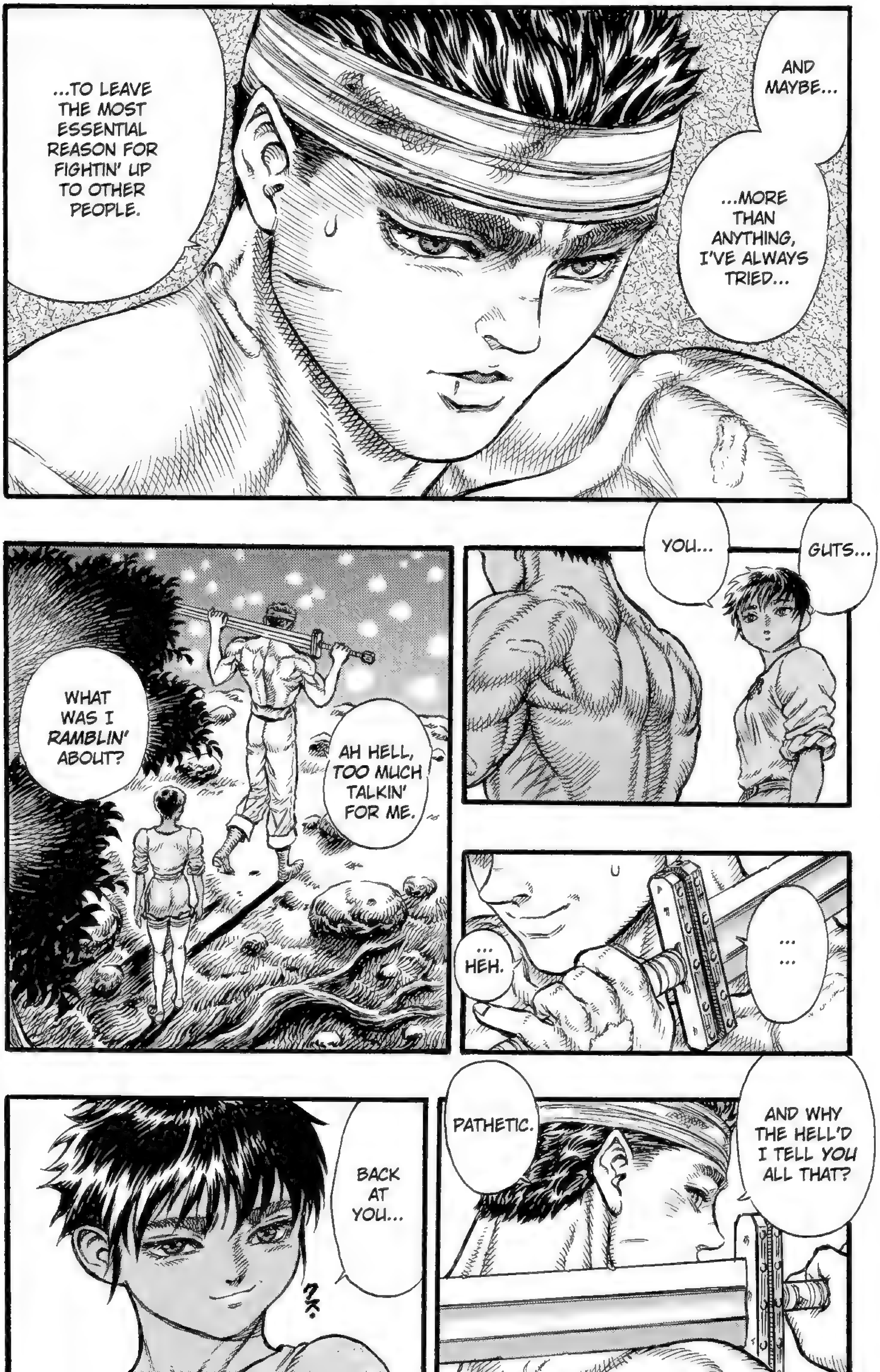
I HAD NOTHIN' BUT *THIS!*
I *DON'T* WANNA DIE...
BUT JUST BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO DIE...JUST BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW MORE THAN HOW TO USE THIS...
...I KEPT FIGHTING IN BATTLES.

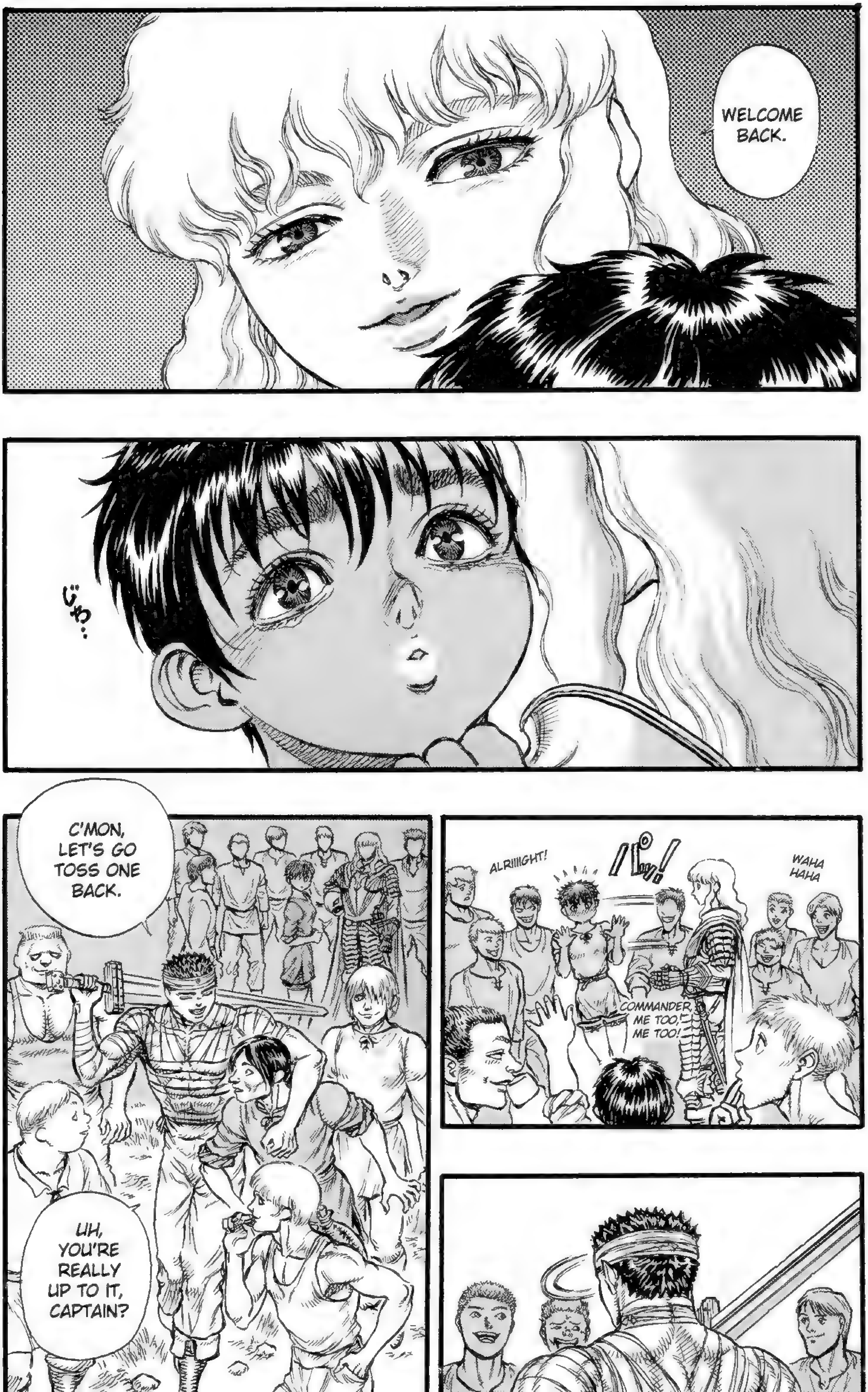

AND MAYBE...
...MORE THAN ANYTHING, I'VE ALWAYS TRIED...
...TO LEAVE THE MOST ESSENTIAL REASON FOR FIGHTIN' UP TO OTHER PEOPLE.
GUTS...
YOU...
... ...
...HEH.
AH HELL, *TOO MUCH* TALKIN' FOR ME.
WHAT WAS I *RAMBLIN'* ABOUT?
AND WHY THE HELL'D I TELL *YOU* ALL THAT?
PATHETIC.
BACK AT YOU...

GUTS.
YOU DON'T MEAN ...!
DON'T...
...TELL ME YOU'RE...
...LEAVING THE HAWKS?

LIKE I SAID...
...I'M FIGHTIN' TILL THE END OF THIS CAMPAIGN, EVEN IF I HAVE TO CRAWL.
....
...AND THEN ...
AFTERWARDS ......
GUTS!! CASCA!!
GRIFFITH'S COME BACK!!
HE SAID HE HEARD YOU TWO WERE SAFE AND ADVANCED HIS SCHEDULE A DAY!
!
... ...

CAPTAIN.
CAPTAIN GUTS.
YO.

I'M SORRY, GRIFFITH. EVERYONE HAD TO DEAL WITH A MESS BECAUSE OF ME.
PUSHING MYSELF WHEN I WASN'T WELL AND GOING TO THE FRONT WAS MY MISTAKE.
DOING SO EXPOSED THE MEN OF MY UNIT TO DANGER. NOT JUST THEM, EITHER. GUTS AND HIS RAIDERS, TOO...
I'M NOT *QUALIFIED* TO BE A COMMANDER!!
... ...
WHATEVER PUNISHMENT YOU--
WA-KYA
WHA-- WHAT WAS THAT FOR...
... JERK?!


WELCOME BACK.
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C'MON, LET'S GO TOSS ONE BACK.
UH, YOU'RE REALLY UP TO IT, CAPTAIN?
ALRIIIGHT!
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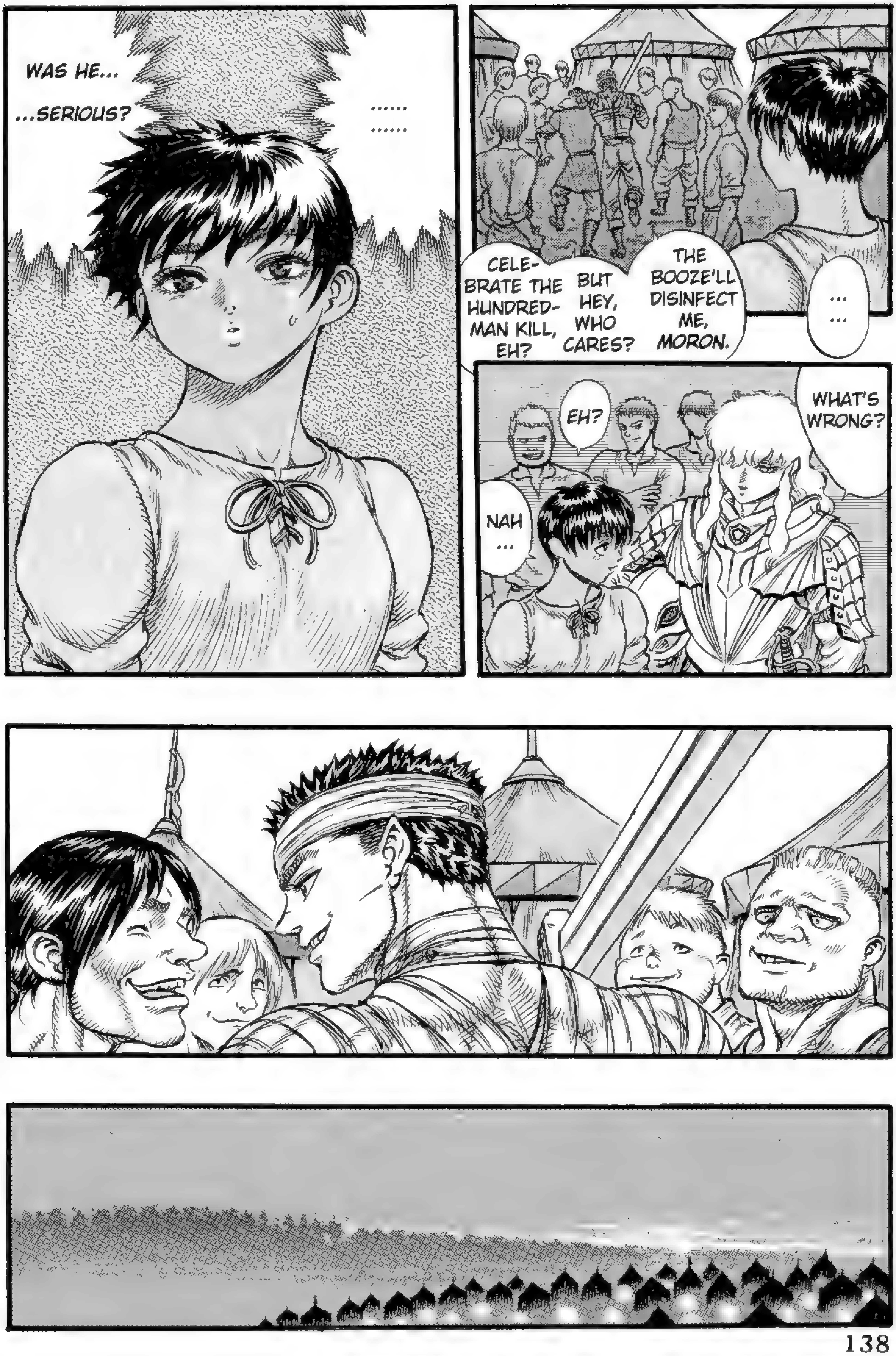
WAHA HAHA
COMMANDER, ME TOO, ME TOO!


WAS HE...
...SERIOUS?
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CELEBRATE THE HUNDRED-MAN KILL, EH?
BUT HEY, WHO CARES?
THE BOOZE'LL DISINFECT ME, MORON.
...
...
WHAT'S WRONG?
EH?
NAH...

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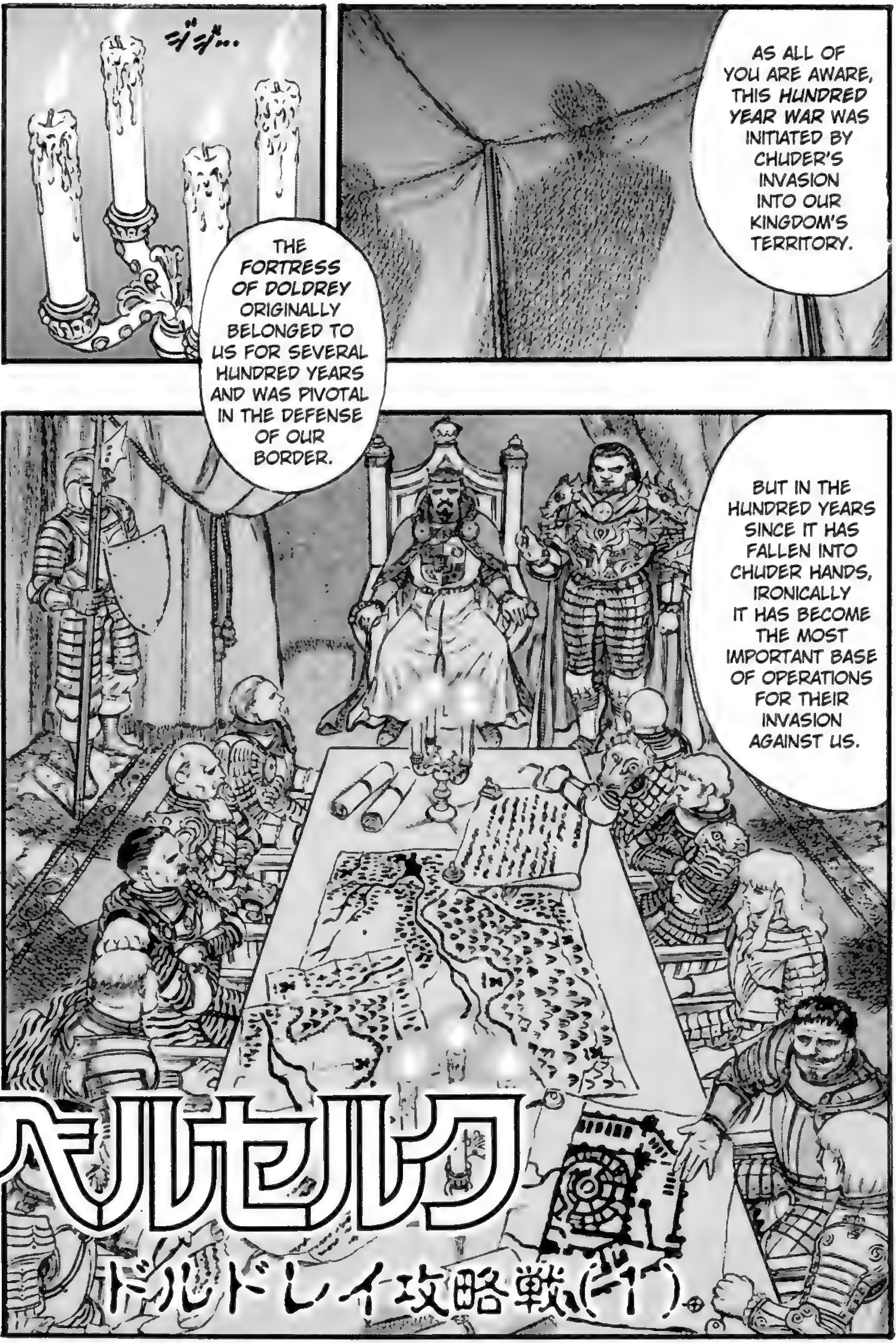
CHUDER EMPIRE STRONGHOLD OF DOLDREY
A MESSAGE!!
REPORTING!! OUR ARMY'S CASUALTIES ARE VERY HIGH!!
THE ONLY UNWOUNDED MEN LEFT ARE AT HEADQUARTERS!!
HNNN...
HOW COULD THIS BE?! HOW COULD THE WHITE TIGER KNIGHTS, ONE OF MIDLAND'S TWO GREATEST FORCES...
..BE SO EASILY... DOLDREY ...IT'S NIGH IMPREGNABLE...!!
REPORTING!!
WHAT NOW?!
ROUGHLY A THOUSAND RIDERS FROM THE MAIN GATE OF THE ENEMY FORTRESS!!
THEY'RE CHARGING IN THE DIRECTION OF OUR HEADQUARTERS!!
...!
IT CAN'T BE!!

CHUDER'S MOST POWERFUL KNIGHTS...!!
THE HOLY PURPLE RHINO KNIGHTS!!
CAMPFIRE OF DREAMS: END


AS ALL OF YOU ARE AWARE, THIS *HUNDRED YEAR WAR* WAS INITIATED BY CHUDER'S INVASION INTO OUR KINGDOM'S TERRITORY.
ジジ…
THE *FORTRESS OF DOLDREY* ORIGINALLY BELONGED TO US FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS AND WAS PIVOTAL IN THE DEFENSE OF OUR BORDER.
BUT IN THE HUNDRED YEARS SINCE IT HAS FALLEN INTO CHUDER HANDS, IRONICALLY IT HAS BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR THEIR INVASION AGAINST US.
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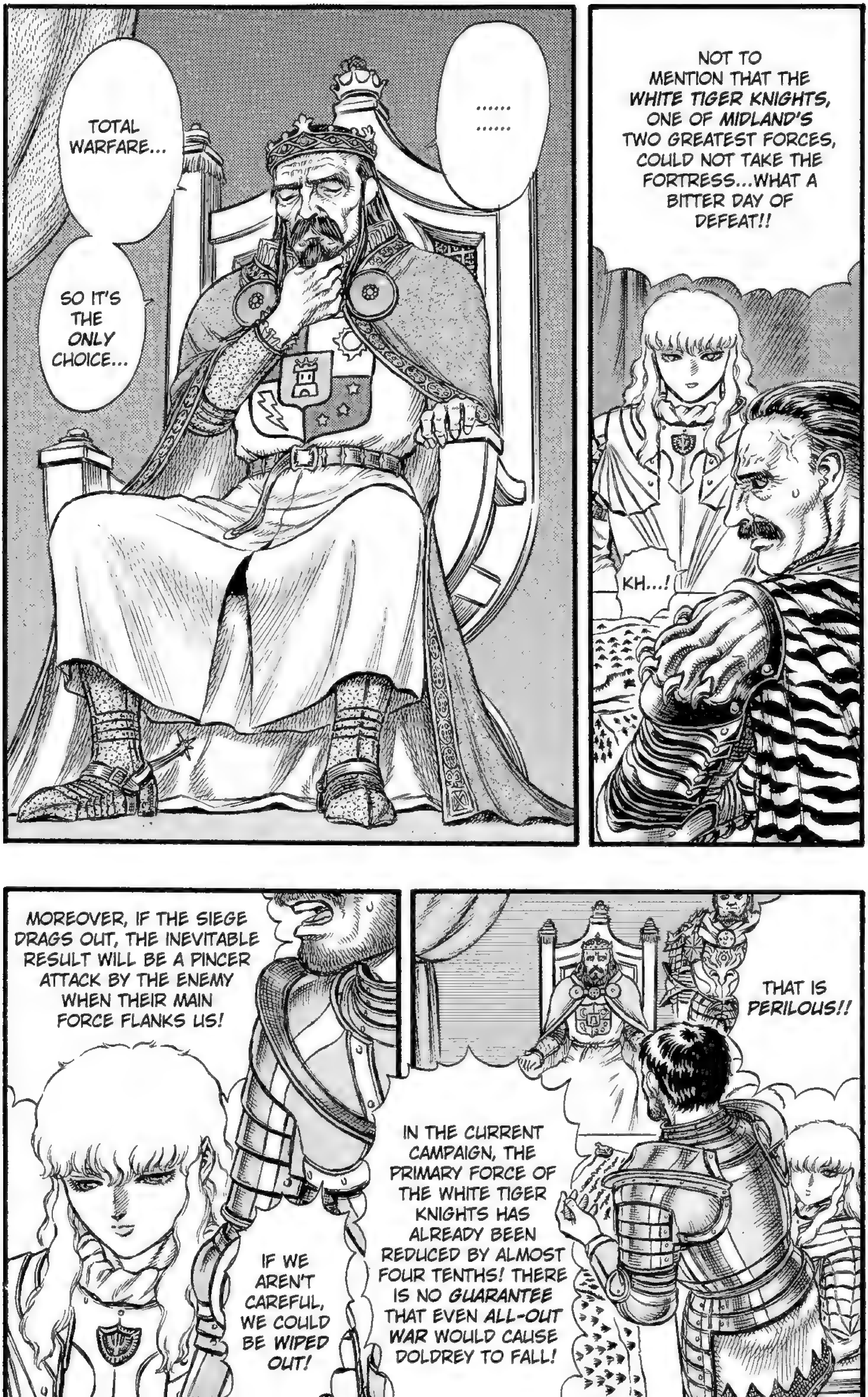
HOWEVER, CHUDER IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING A SUDDEN CRISIS OF INTERNAL CONFLICT OVER THE NEXT SUCCESSION TO THE THRONE!
WHATEVER MILITARY MIGHT THE EMPIRE BOASTS, THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SPARE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL FOR THIS BATTLE!
SURELY THIS IS A ONE-IN-A-THOUSAND CHANCE FOR US!
IF WE LET THIS OPPORTUNITY SLIP AWAY, DOLDREY...
...OUR LAND WILL NEVER BE RECAPTURED!!
WHAT'S MORE, THE MAIN OCCUPYING FORCE IS THE MIGHTIEST OF CHUDER'S KNIGHT CORPS, LED BY THE VALIANT GENERAL BOSCOGN!
THE HOLY PURPLE RHINO KNIGHTS!!
CERTAINLY DOLDREY IS IMPENETRABLE!
B-BUT HOW DO YOU PROPOSE?


TOTAL WARFARE...
SO IT'S THE *ONLY* CHOICE...
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NOT TO MENTION THAT THE *WHITE TIGER KNIGHTS*, ONE OF *MIDLAND'S* TWO GREATEST FORCES, COULD NOT TAKE THE FORTRESS...WHAT A BITTER DAY OF DEFEAT!!
KH...!
MOREOVER, IF THE SIEGE DRAGS OUT, THE INEVITABLE RESULT WILL BE A PINCER ATTACK BY THE ENEMY WHEN THEIR MAIN FORCE FLANKS US!
IF WE AREN'T CAREFUL, WE COULD BE *WIPED OUT!*
THAT IS *PERILOUS!!*
IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN, THE PRIMARY FORCE OF THE WHITE TIGER KNIGHTS HAS ALREADY BEEN REDUCED BY ALMOST FOUR TENTHS! THERE IS NO *GUARANTEE* THAT EVEN *ALL-OUT WAR* WOULD CAUSE DOLDREY TO FALL!

IF WE LOOK AT IT OVERALL, THIS CAMPAIGN IS A *VICTORY!* IS THERE REALLY ANY REASON FOR US TO PURSUE SUCH A DANGEROUS GAMBIT?
IF WE WITHDRAW HERE AND NOW...
NO! ALL THE TROOPS WE'VE ALREADY DEPLOYED WOULD HAVE BEEN IN VAIN! THE FINAL OBJECTIVE OF THIS CAMPAIGN HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CAPTURE OF *DOLDREY!* FAILING THAT, THERE'S *NO CHANCE* OF RECLAIMING OUR TERRITORY!
BUT...NOW THAT WE'VE LOST THE WHITE TIGER KNIGHTS, *WHO--?*
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HOW ABOUT YOU, SIR GRIF-FITH?
THE VICTOR THAT YOU ARE, DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANYTHING YOU COULD DO *THIS* TIME?
I JEST, OF COURSE.
HOWEVER MUCH OF A GODSEND YOU'RE CONSIDERED ON THE BATTLEFIELD, THERE ARE SOME THINGS ONE CAN'T DO...
IF I WERE SO ORDERED.
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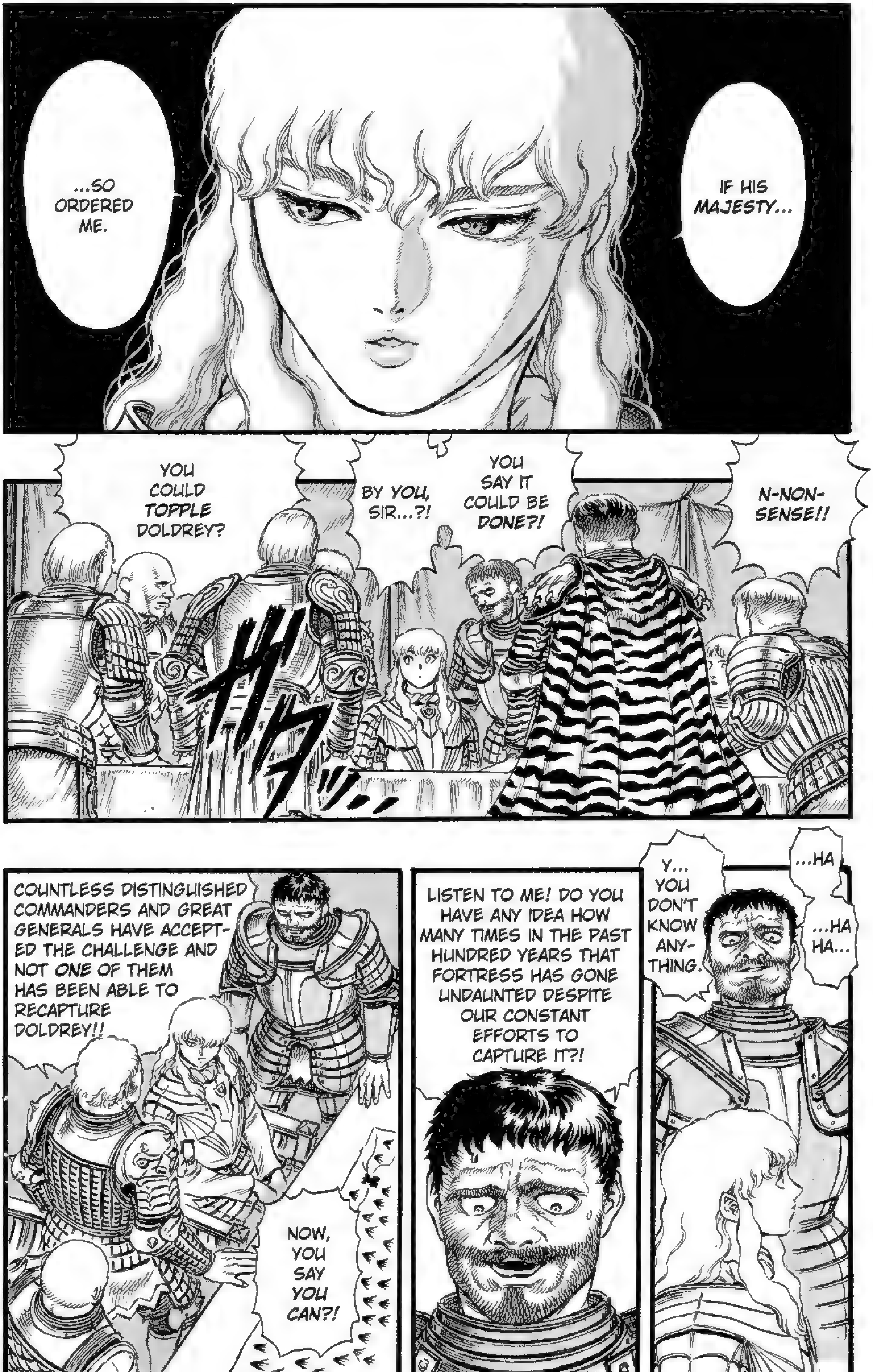
IF HIS *MAJESTY*...
...SO ORDERED ME.
N-NONSENSE!!
YOU SAY IT COULD BE *DONE*?!
BY *YOU*, SIR...?!
YOU COULD *TOPPLE* DOLDREY?
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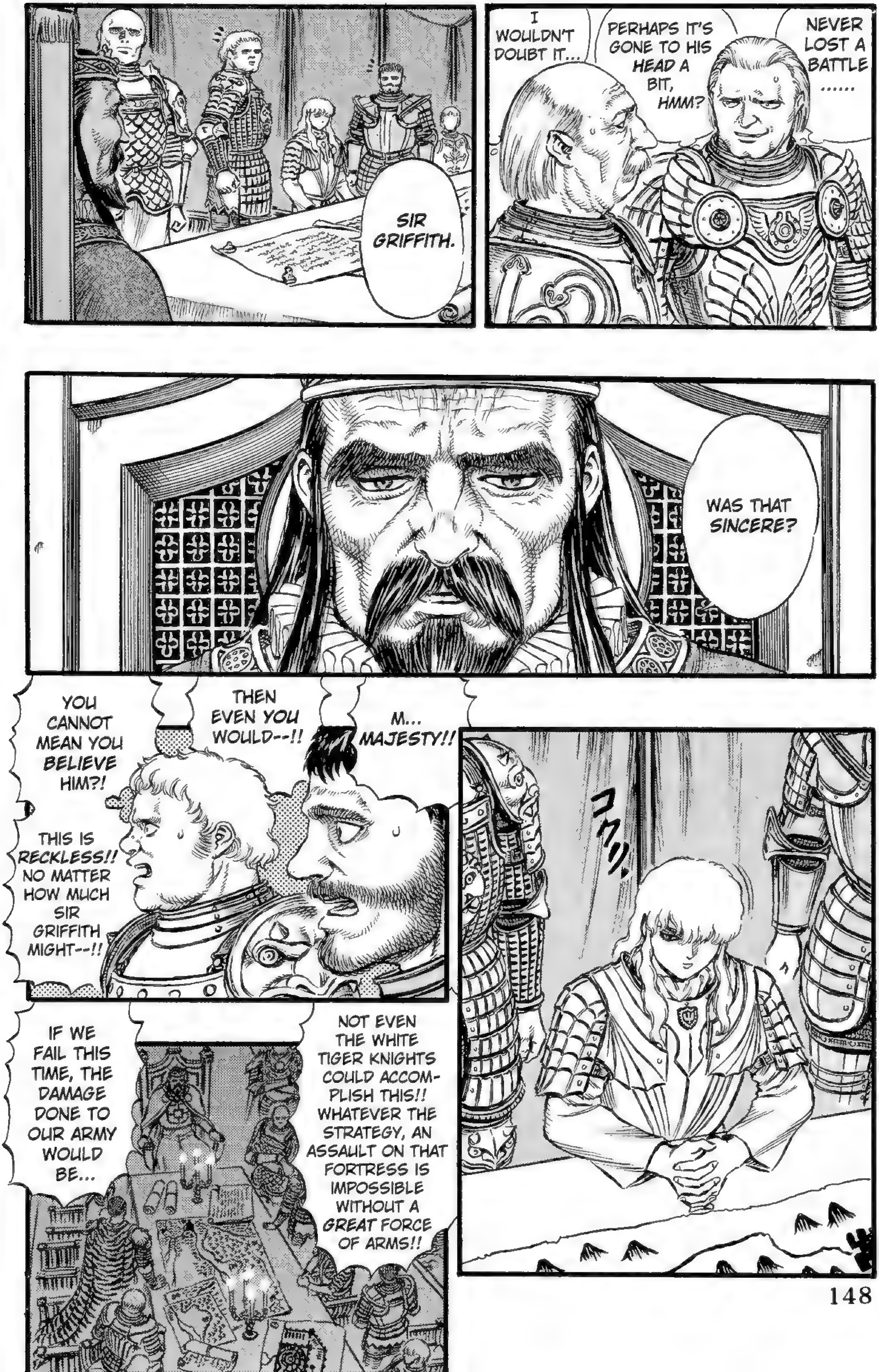
...HA HA...
Y... YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
LISTEN TO ME! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY TIMES IN THE PAST HUNDRED YEARS THAT FORTRESS HAS GONE UNDAUNTED DESPITE OUR CONSTANT EFFORTS TO CAPTURE IT?!
COUNTLESS DISTINGUISHED COMMANDERS AND GREAT GENERALS HAVE ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE AND NOT *ONE* OF THEM HAS BEEN ABLE TO RECAPTURE DOLDREY!!
NOW, YOU SAY *YOU* CAN?!


SIR GRIFFITH.
NEVER LOST A BATTLE ......
PERHAPS IT'S GONE TO HIS *HEAD* A BIT, *HMM?*
I WOULDN'T DOUBT IT...
WAS THAT *SINCERE?*
YOU CANNOT MEAN YOU *BELIEVE* HIM?!
THEN EVEN *YOU* WOULD--!!
M... *MAJESTY!!*
THIS IS *RECKLESS!!* NO MATTER HOW MUCH SIR GRIFFITH MIGHT--!!
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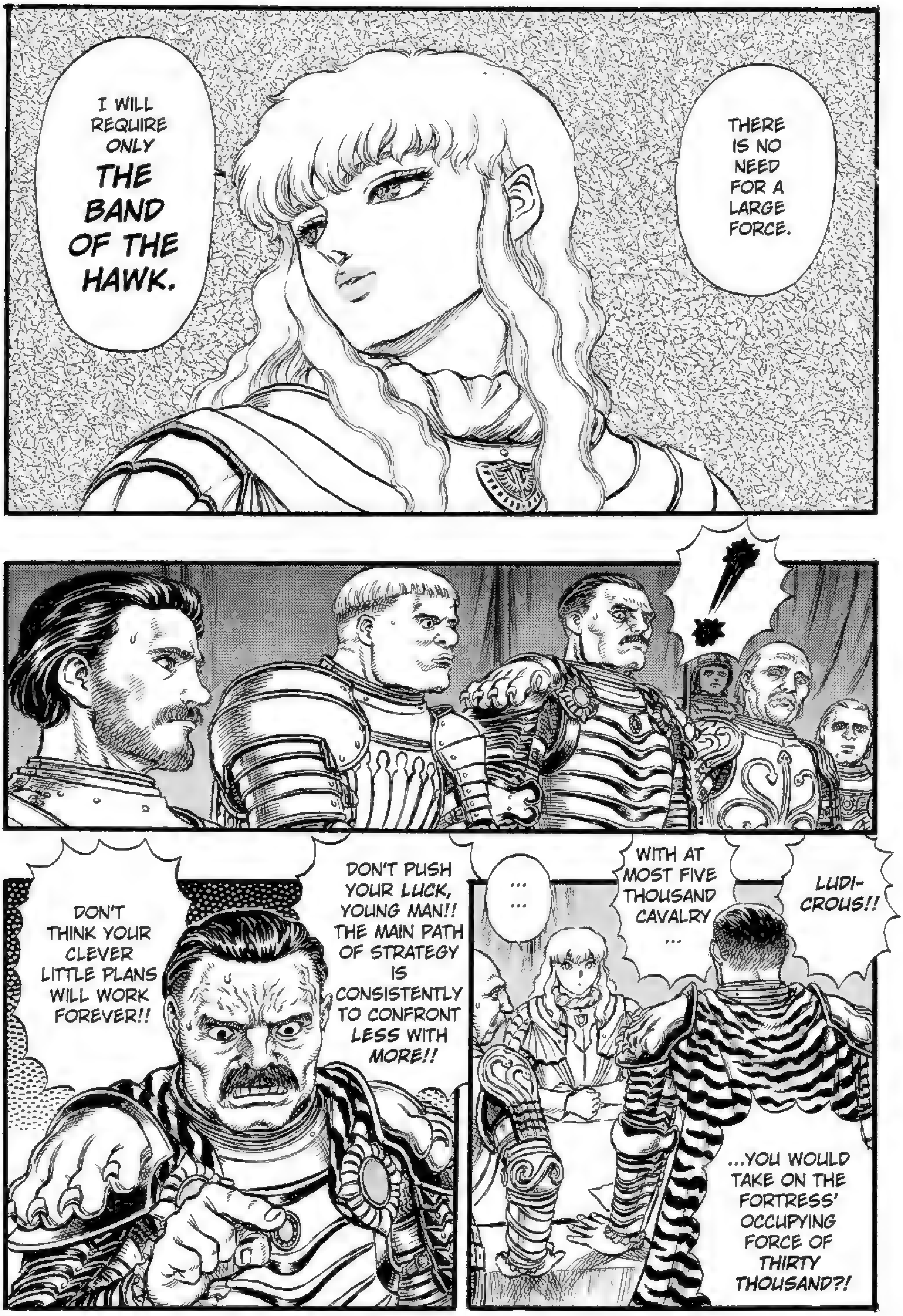
IF WE FAIL THIS TIME, THE DAMAGE DONE TO OUR ARMY WOULD BE...
NOT EVEN THE WHITE TIGER KNIGHTS COULD ACCOMPLISH THIS!! WHATEVER THE STRATEGY, AN ASSAULT ON THAT FORTRESS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT A *GREAT FORCE* OF ARMS!!


THERE IS NO NEED FOR A LARGE FORCE.
I WILL REQUIRE ONLY **THE BAND OF THE HAWK.**
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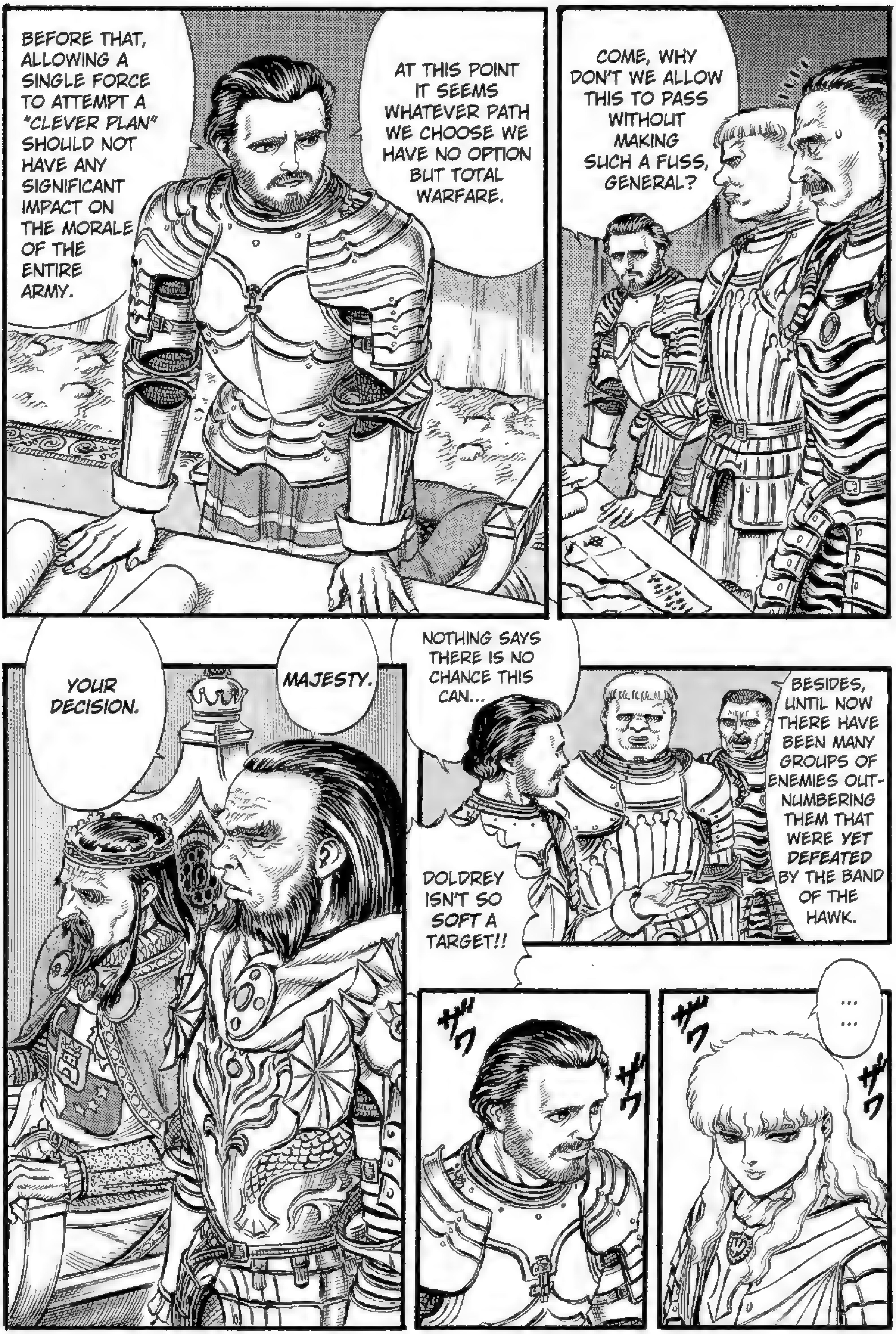
LUDI-CROUS!!
WITH AT MOST FIVE THOUSAND CAVALRY ...
...YOU WOULD TAKE ON THE FORTRESS' OCCUPYING FORCE OF *THIRTY THOUSAND?!*
... ...
DON'T PUSH YOUR *LUCK*, YOUNG MAN!! THE MAIN PATH OF STRATEGY IS CONSISTENTLY TO CONFRONT *LESS* WITH *MORE!!*
DON'T THINK YOUR CLEVER LITTLE PLANS WILL WORK FOREVER!!


COME, WHY DON'T WE ALLOW THIS TO PASS WITHOUT MAKING SUCH A FUSS, GENERAL?
AT THIS POINT IT SEEMS WHATEVER PATH WE CHOOSE WE HAVE NO OPTION BUT TOTAL WARFARE.
BEFORE THAT, ALLOWING A SINGLE FORCE TO ATTEMPT A "CLEVER PLAN" SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE MORALE OF THE ENTIRE ARMY.
BESIDES, UNTIL NOW THERE HAVE BEEN MANY GROUPS OF ENEMIES OUT-NUMBERING THEM THAT WERE YET DEFEATED BY THE BAND OF THE HAWK.
NOTHING SAYS THERE IS NO CHANCE THIS CAN...
DOLDREY ISN'T SO SOFT A TARGET!!
MAJESTY.
YOUR DECISION.
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I COMMAND...
THE BAND OF THE HAWK TO CAPTURE DOLDREY!
RELYING SO MUCH ON SUCH A BOYISH NEWCOMER LIKE HIM......THE DIGNITY OF MIDLAND'S ARMY HAS FALLEN TO THE GROUND!
AND HIS MAJESTY'S GONE SENILE!
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HAA!

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I SUPPOSE THAT'S HOW IT WOULD FEEL TO LOSE YOUR OWN FORCES...
AH, WELL.
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YOU REALLY SEEM TO HAVE BOUGHT INTO THE WHITE HAWK...
...SIR LABAN.
COME, I SIMPLY STATED THE TRUTH AS IT STANDS, SIR OWEN.
NOW TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT HE LIVES UP TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS THIS TIME.
BESIDES, IF HE CAN'T DO IT...
...I DOUBT THERE'S ANYONE IN MIDLAND WHO CAN TAKE DOLDREY.
CERTAIN-LY...

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WHEWW.
WHO KNOWS WHETHER I SHOULD SAY THIS AS A MAN.... ...BUT HE IS QUITE THE IMAGE OF ONE.

DISTINGUISHED COMMANDERS...
HUH?
WE MIGHT BE...
...FIGHTING ALONGSIDE...
...THE HERO OF THE CENTURY.
DOLDREY, HUH...?
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WHO CARES?
IT'S A PLACE.
FIGHTIN' AND GAMBLIN'... WHEN YOU WIN, YOU WIN, WHEN YOU LOSE, YOU LOSE. *AAAAND... FIVE AND TWO: HAN!**
NO WAY...
TEN IN A ROW...
THE CAPTAIN WINS ALL...
GAHHH... AGAIN?!
I'VE GOT SOME *WICKED* BAD LUCK.
THAT DOES IT!! I AIN'T GIVIN' UP TILL I *BREAK EVEN!!*
THREE MONTHS' WAGES......
WHAT'S UP? YOU GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
HUH? NO.
DOOOON'T WORRY. WE'VE DONE STUFF LIKE THIS SO MANY TIMES ALREADY.
MR. CALM AND COMPOSED HIMSELF *VOLUNTEERED* FOR THIS. THE ODDS MUST BE IN OUR FAVOR, *RIGHT?*
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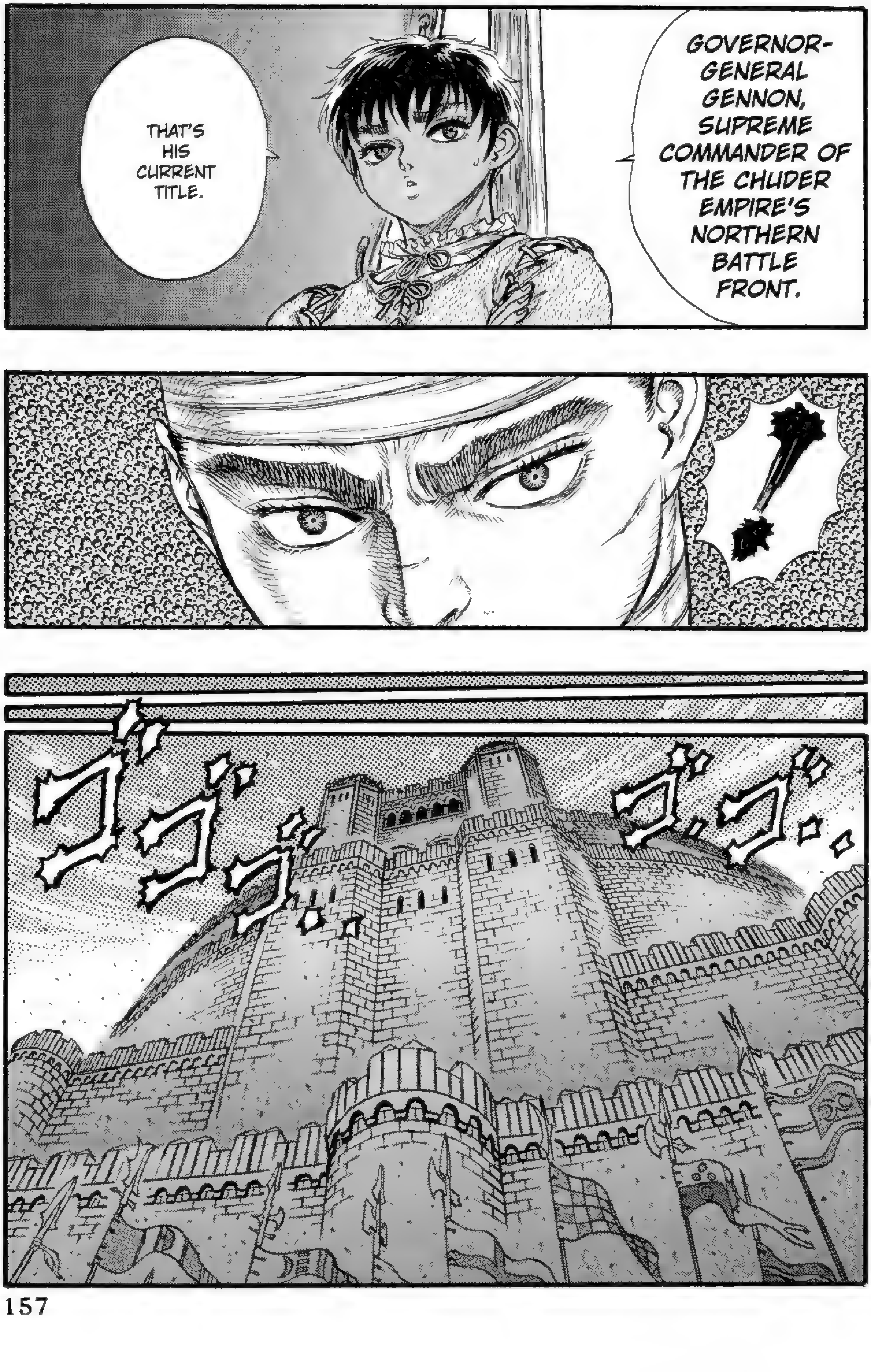
*THE SOLDIERS ARE PLAYING A GAME CALLED *HAN CHOU BAKUCHI*. TWO DICE ARE ROLLED. IF THEIR TOTAL COMES UP ODD IT'S *HAN*, AND IF EVEN IT'S *CHOU*.

WHAT?
HOW THE *HAWKS* GOT INVOLVED IN A TERRITORIAL DISPUTE A LONG TIME AGO......
HAN.
WHAT I TOLD YOU *THAT* TIME.
MY LIFE FOR A CHOU!!
YOU BET YOUR ASS, CHOU!!
COME ON, CHOU!!
I JUST HOPE...
...HE *STAYS* CALM AND COMPOSED.
HEY, DON'T TELL ME...
....
RIGHT.
THE NOBLEMAN I MENTIONED ......
...HAS PROMOTED HIMSELF BY WAY OF HIS FINANCIAL ASSETS.
HE'S SUPREME COMMANDER...
...ON THE FRONT LINES FOR A CERTAIN EMPIRE.


GOVERNOR-GENERAL GENNON, SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE CHUDER EMPIRE'S NORTHERN BATTLE FRONT.
THAT'S HIS CURRENT TITLE.
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BUT NO INJURIES AT ALL.
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NATURALLY!!
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NWAHA HA HA HA HA HA… THAT'S WHY THEY CALL ME ADON, THE INVINCIBLE RESOURCEFUL GENERAL!!
WOULD I BE BEATEN THAT EASILY?!
WHO SAID THAT?
YOU'RE DEFINITELY TENACIOUS.
WITH THE SECRET TECHNIQUE PASSED DOWN THROUGH MY COBORLWITZ FAMILY FOR SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS, KASSATSU JIZAI (PLAYING DEAD) AT MY DISPOSAL, I HAD NO TROUBLE DECEIVING HIS EYES!!
EHEH HEH HEH!..
BUT STILL, THAT BRAT!! THE NEXT TIME WE MEET IN BATTLE…
GAHH!
…HE WON'T ESCAPE ME!!
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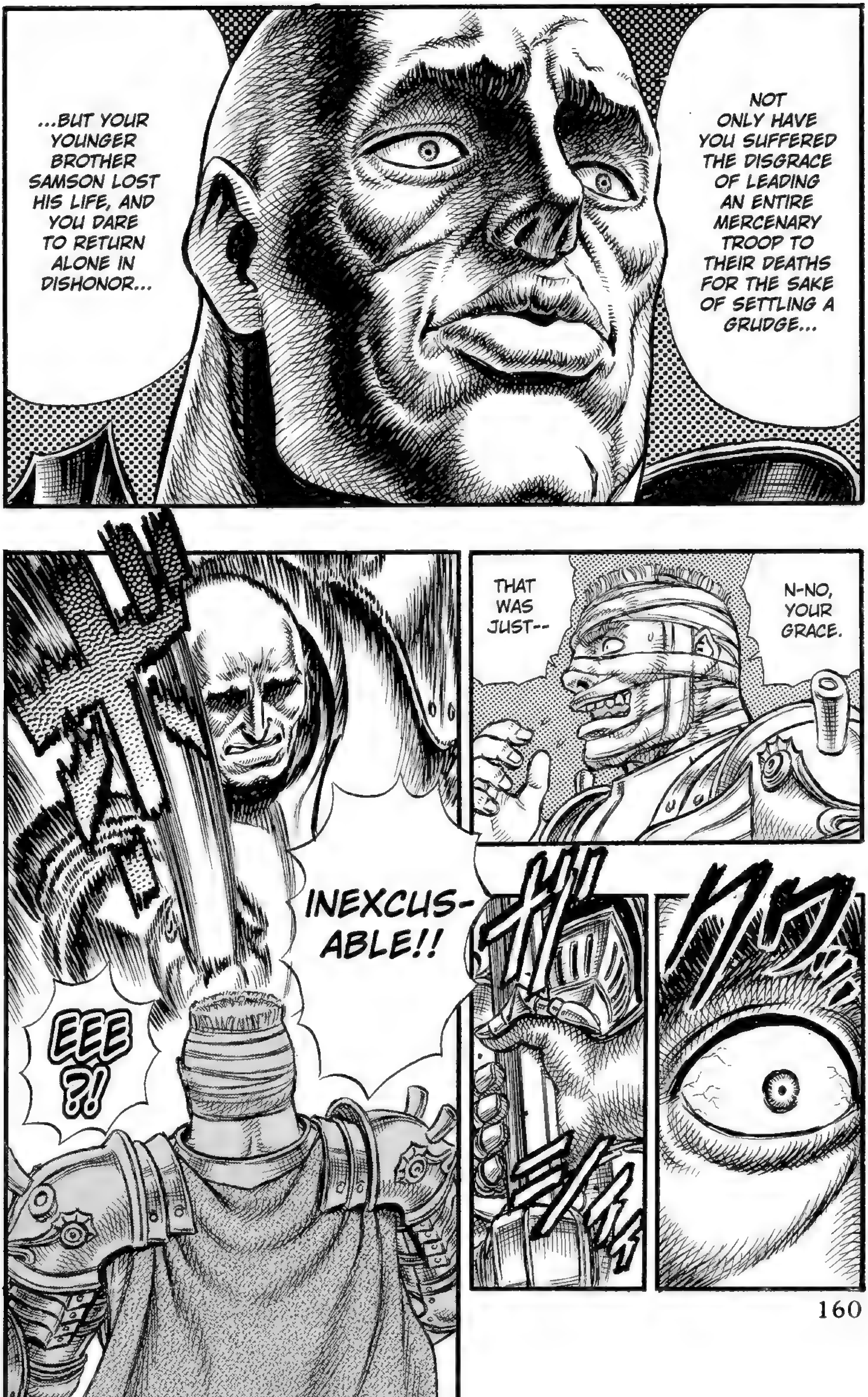
FOR SHAME, ADON.
WHY, IT'S…
…YOUR GRACE, GENERAL BOSCOGN!!


NOT ONLY HAVE YOU SUFFERED THE DISGRACE OF LEADING AN ENTIRE MERCENARY TROOP TO THEIR DEATHS FOR THE SAKE OF SETTLING A GRUDGE...
...BUT YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER SAMSON LOST HIS LIFE, AND YOU DARE TO RETURN ALONE IN DISHONOR...
N-NO, YOUR GRACE.
THAT WAS JUST--
INEXCUSABLE!!
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...SIR ADON!!
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I HEREBY REVOKE ALL COMMAND AUTHORITY FROM YOU FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WAR!!
JUST BE THANKFUL I'M NOT CASTING YOU INTO THE DUNGEON!!

SIR!!
PLEASE WAIT FOR US!!
THE REPORTS SAY THAT HIS ADVERSARY WAS JUST ONE MAN...
BUT THAT CAN'T BE...
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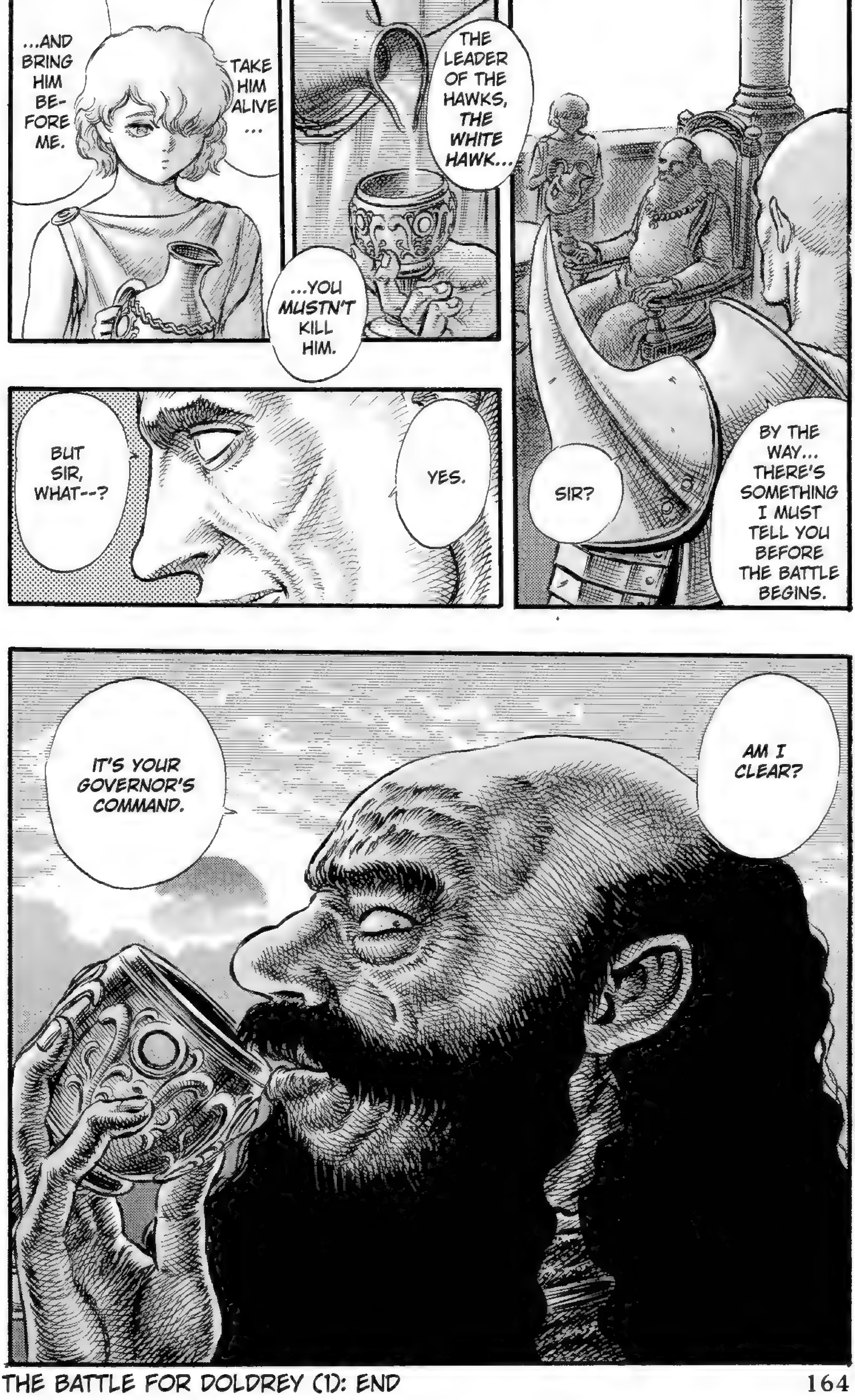
SEVERE AS ALWAYS.
I HEARD YOU FROM UP HERE.

FORGIVE THAT MOMENTARY INDIGNITY.
THAT ASIDE, A SPY REPORT...
...JUST CAME IN REGARDING THE SECOND FORCE ATTEMPTING TO CAPTURE DOLDREY.
SIR?
YOU KNOW THEM AS WELL, YES?
THE BAND OF THE HAWK...
OHO.
WELL, NOW...
YOU SEEM PLEASED?
I HAVE SIMPLY HEARD THAT THE BAND OF THE HAWK HAS NEVER BEEN DEFEATED.
THEY SEEM MORE CHALLENGING THAN ENEMIES OF GREAT NUMBER OR FAME.
NO.
IT IS NOT THAT.
HMM...


BY THE WAY... THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU BEFORE THE BATTLE BEGINS.
SIR?
THE LEADER OF THE HAWKS, THE WHITE HAWK...
...YOU MUSTN'T KILL HIM.
TAKE HIM ALIVE...
...AND BRING HIM BEFORE ME.
YES.
BUT SIR, WHAT--?
IT'S YOUR GOVERNOR'S COMMAND.
AM I CLEAR?

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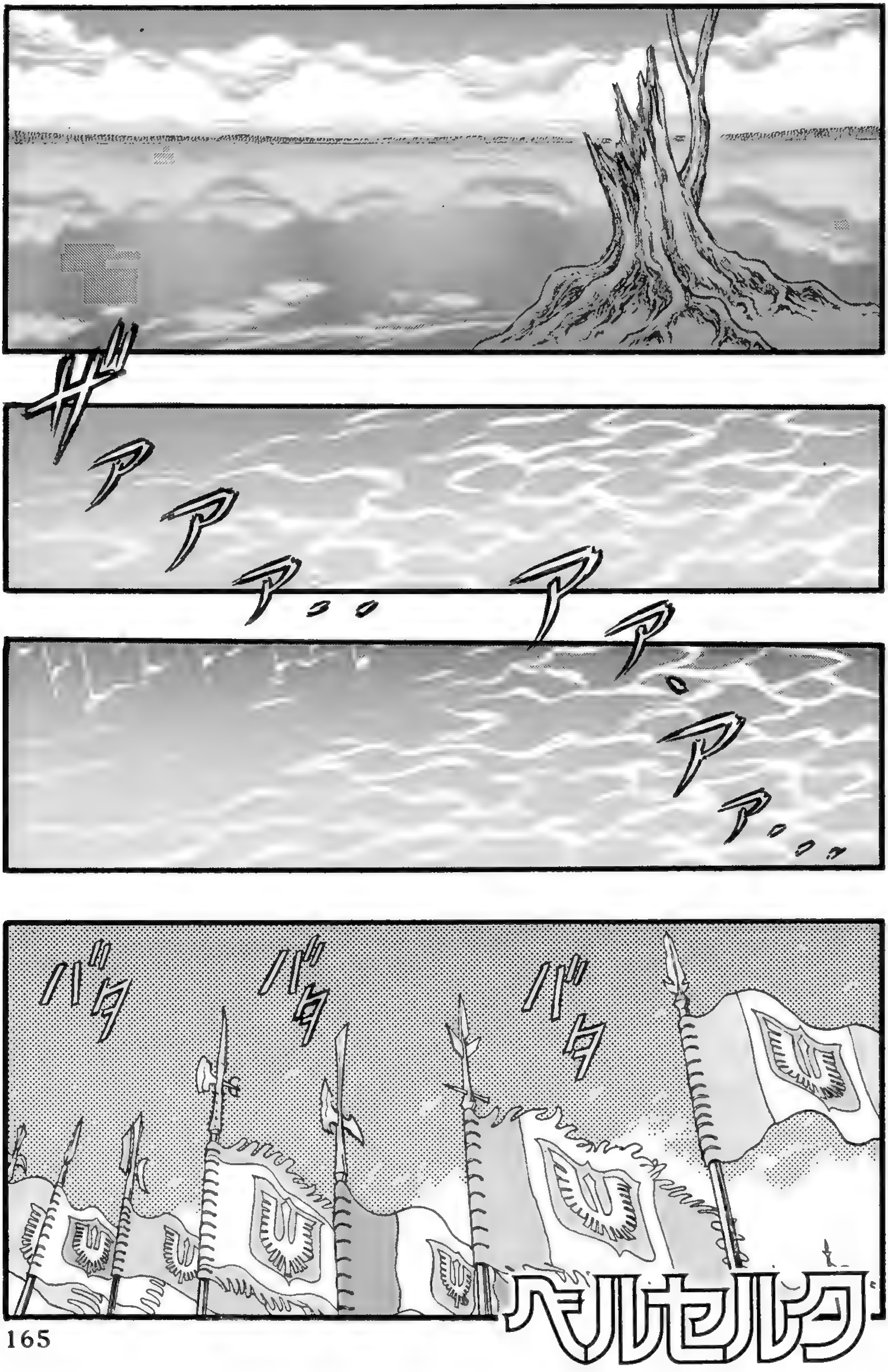
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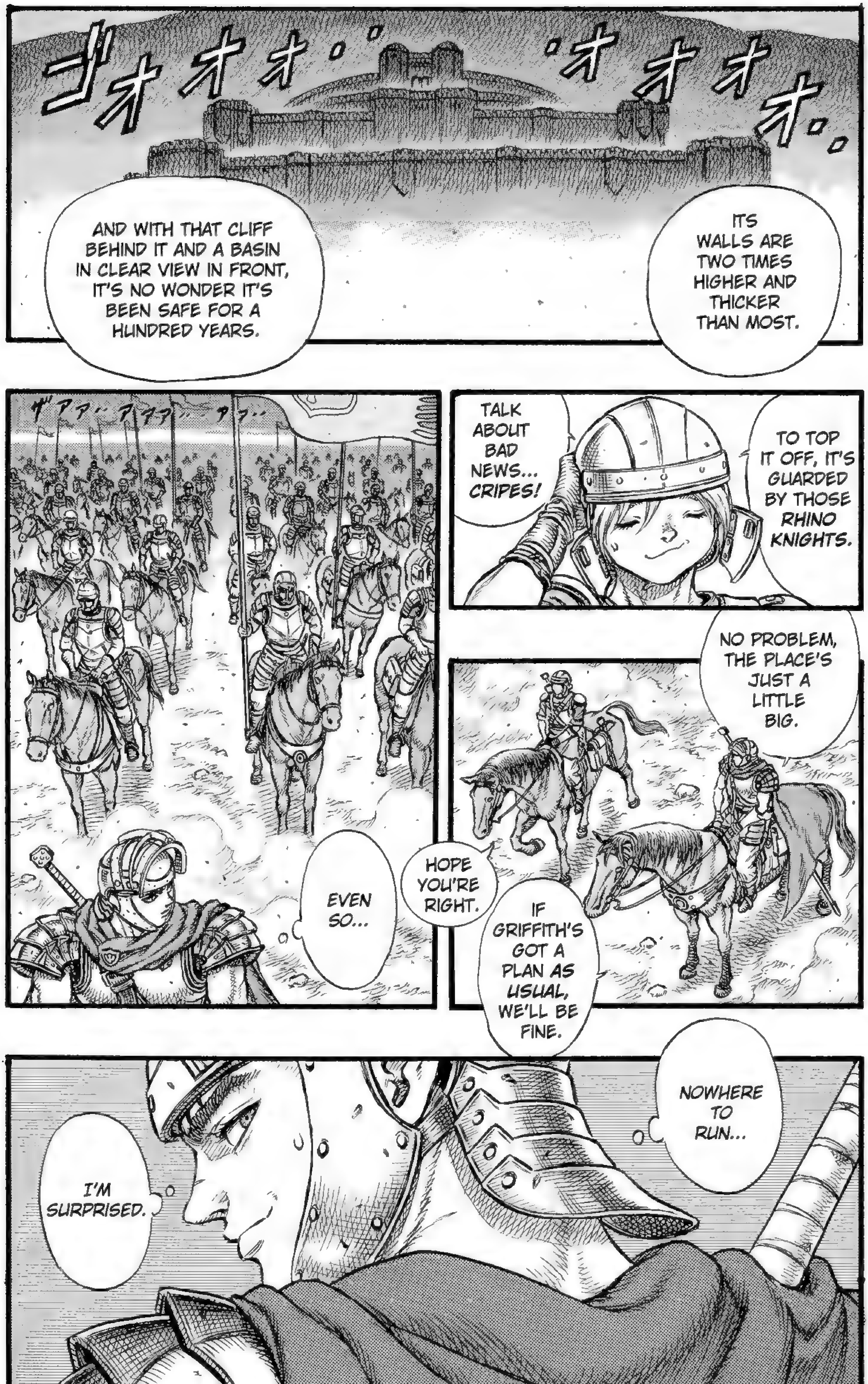
THE BATTLE FOR DOLDREY, CHAPTER 2

HOW ARE YOUR INJURIES?
STILL THOUGH, THE MORE I LOOK AT THAT THE MORE I WANT TO GO HOME.
YEAH, THEY'VE JUST ABOUT CLOSED UP. THAT STUFF 'A YOURS WAS NO JOKE.
IT *REALLY* BEWILDERED THE DOC. THANKS, MAN.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ITS WALLS ARE TWO TIMES HIGHER AND THICKER THAN MOST.
AND WITH THAT CLIFF BEHIND IT AND A BASIN IN CLEAR VIEW IN FRONT, IT'S NO WONDER IT'S BEEN SAFE FOR A HUNDRED YEARS.
TO TOP IT OFF, IT'S GUARDED BY THOSE *RHINO KNIGHTS.*
TALK ABOUT BAD NEWS... *CRIPES!*
NO PROBLEM, THE PLACE'S JUST A LITTLE BIG.
IF GRIFFITH'S GOT A PLAN *AS USUAL,* WE'LL BE FINE.
HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.
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EVEN SO...
NOWHERE TO RUN...
I'M SURPRISED.

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THE WHITE HAWK.
WHAT'S HE PLANNING?
PLACING HIS MEN WITH THEIR BACKS TO THE RIVER. KNOWS HE NOTHING OF STRATEGY?
NO, RATHER, A MEDIOCRE OFFICER WOULD BE INCAPABLE OF ACCOMPLISHING SUCH AN APPARENTLY FOOLISH PRETENSE...
VERY WELL. HOWEVER HE'S CALCULATED HIS PLAN, THEIR NUMBERS WILL ONLY LAST SO LONG IN THE END.
I SHALL SIMPLY CONFRONT HIM HEAD-ON.

HOW-EVER...
THE GOVERNOR'S PARTIALITY... IS THERE SOME SORT OF CONNECTION BETWEEN THOSE TWO?
OR ELSE...
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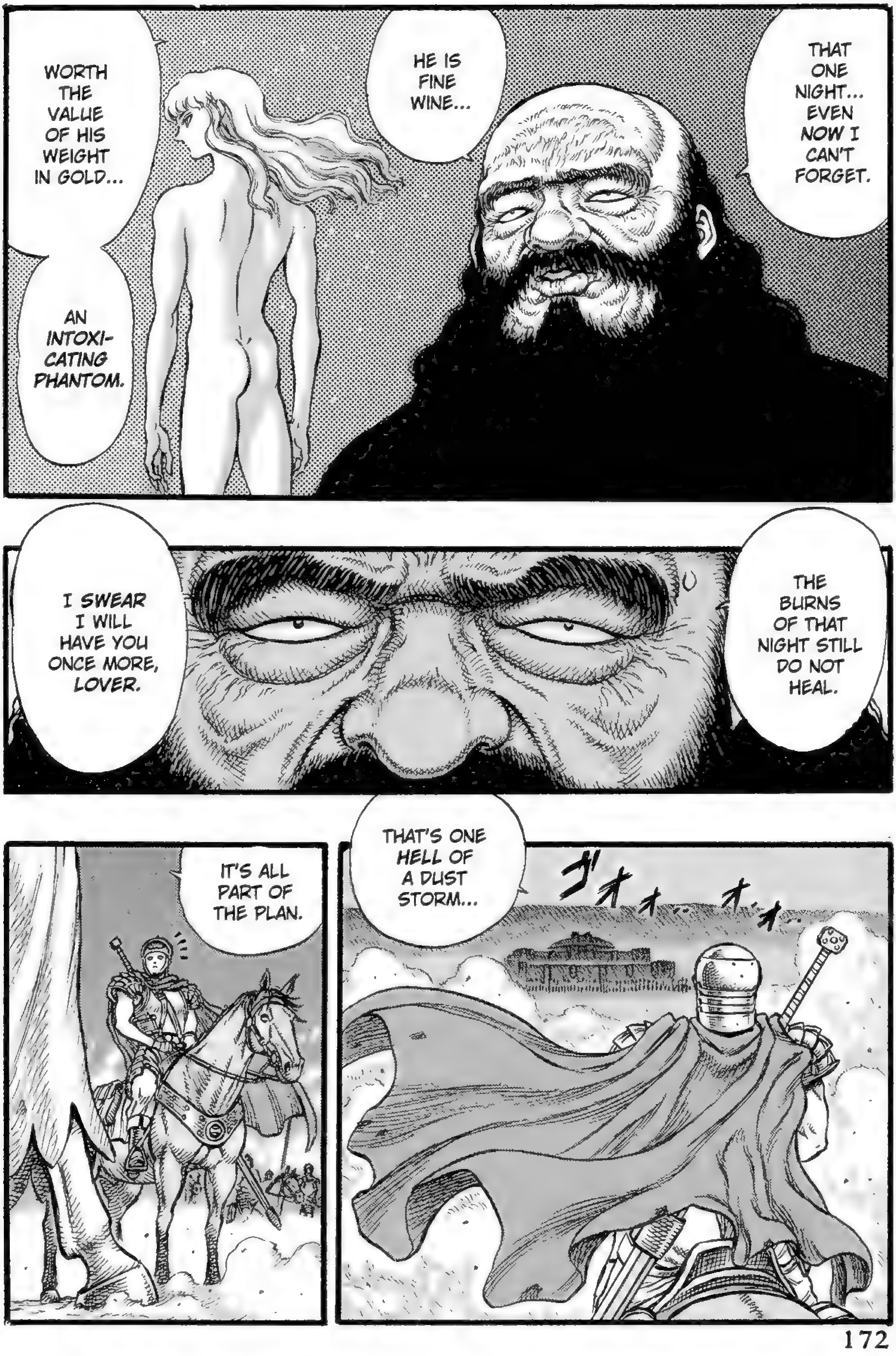
...I HAVEN'T THE TIME TO DEAL WITH THE GOVERNOR'S PETTY, VULGAR TASTES.
I AM NO MORE THAN A MAN OF ARMS, AND MY MISSION IS EVER SIMPLY TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY!! WHETHER THE ENEMY GENERAL LIVES OR DIES IS THE FORTUNE OF THE MOMENT.
HMHM, THE WHITE HAWK...
TO THINK THAT I WOULD LIVE TO MEET HIM BY CHANCE ONCE MORE...
WHAT SPLENDID FORTUNE.


THAT ONE NIGHT... EVEN NOW I CAN'T FORGET.
HE IS FINE WINE...
WORTH THE VALUE OF HIS WEIGHT IN GOLD...
AN INTOXICATING PHANTOM.
THE BURNS OF THAT NIGHT STILL DO NOT HEAL.
I SWEAR I WILL HAVE YOU ONCE MORE, LOVER.
THAT'S ONE HELL OF A DUST STORM...
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IT'S ALL PART OF THE PLAN.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

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GOOD.
LET'S GET STARTED.
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I JUST HOPE... ...HE STAYS CALM AND COMPOSED.
HMPH.
THAT'D NEVER HAPPEN WITH HIM......
NOT SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT.

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THIS...
...IS THE END.
IT'S PROBABLY THE LAST TIME I SWING MY SWORD...
...BENEATH THIS BANNER.
FIRST UNIT, ADVANCE!!
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BUT...
...I'LL KEEP IT TOGETHER!!!
I GO INTO BATTLE AS CAPTAIN OF THE HAWK'S RAIDERS.
NOTHING ELSE!!
DRAW SWORDS!!

VANGUARD!
CHARGE!!

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THE ENEMY IS MOVING!! THE VANGUARD IS A FORCE ABOUT TWO THOUSAND STRONG, DIRECTLY CONTROLLED BY GRIFFITH!!
HE'S DIVIDED HIS ALREADY SMALL FORCE INTO TWO?!
WITH THE LEADER HIMSELF AT THE FORE?!
THE FOOL! I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF TRICK HE MEANS TO PULL!!
BUT TO CHALLENGE THE HOLY PURPLE RHINO KNIGHTS PERSONALLY WITH AT MOST TWO THOUSAND BEHIND HIM... IT'S LIKE THE HARE LEAPING INTO THE TIGER'S MOUTH!!
SO BE IT!! WE WILL MEET YOU!!
ALL TROOPS FOWARD!!! DESTROY THE ENEMY'S FIRST WAVE!!!
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HA!! SO THOSE ARE THE FABLED BAND OF THE HAWK RAIDERS!!
AMUSING!
WE ARE THE FOREMOST UNIT OF THE HOLY PURPLE RHINO KNIGHTS, WHOSE CHARGE HAS *NEVER ONCE* BEEN HALTED!!
YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR--

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ONE OF THE ENEMY UNITS IS BREAKING THROUGH TO OUR CENTER!!
TH-THEY AREN'T STOPPING!!
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ONE STRONG PUSH TO THE CENTER TO KILL THE GENERAL... SO THAT'S HIS SCHEME!!
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THE BATTLE FOR DOLDREY (2): END

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THE BATTLE FOR DOLDREY, CHAPTER 3

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THE GENERAL!!
PROTECT THE GENERAL!!
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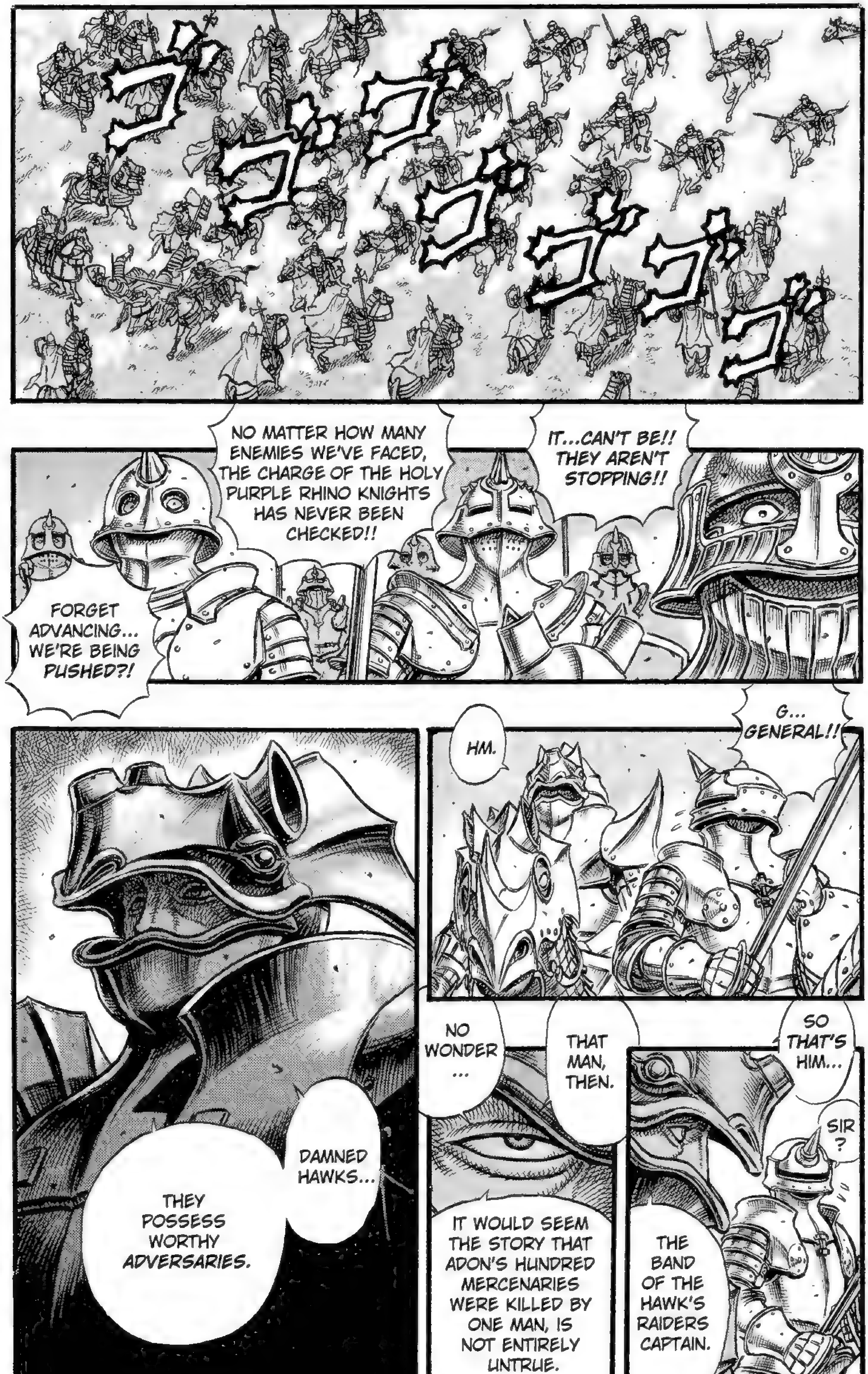
FOLLOW THE CAPTAIN!!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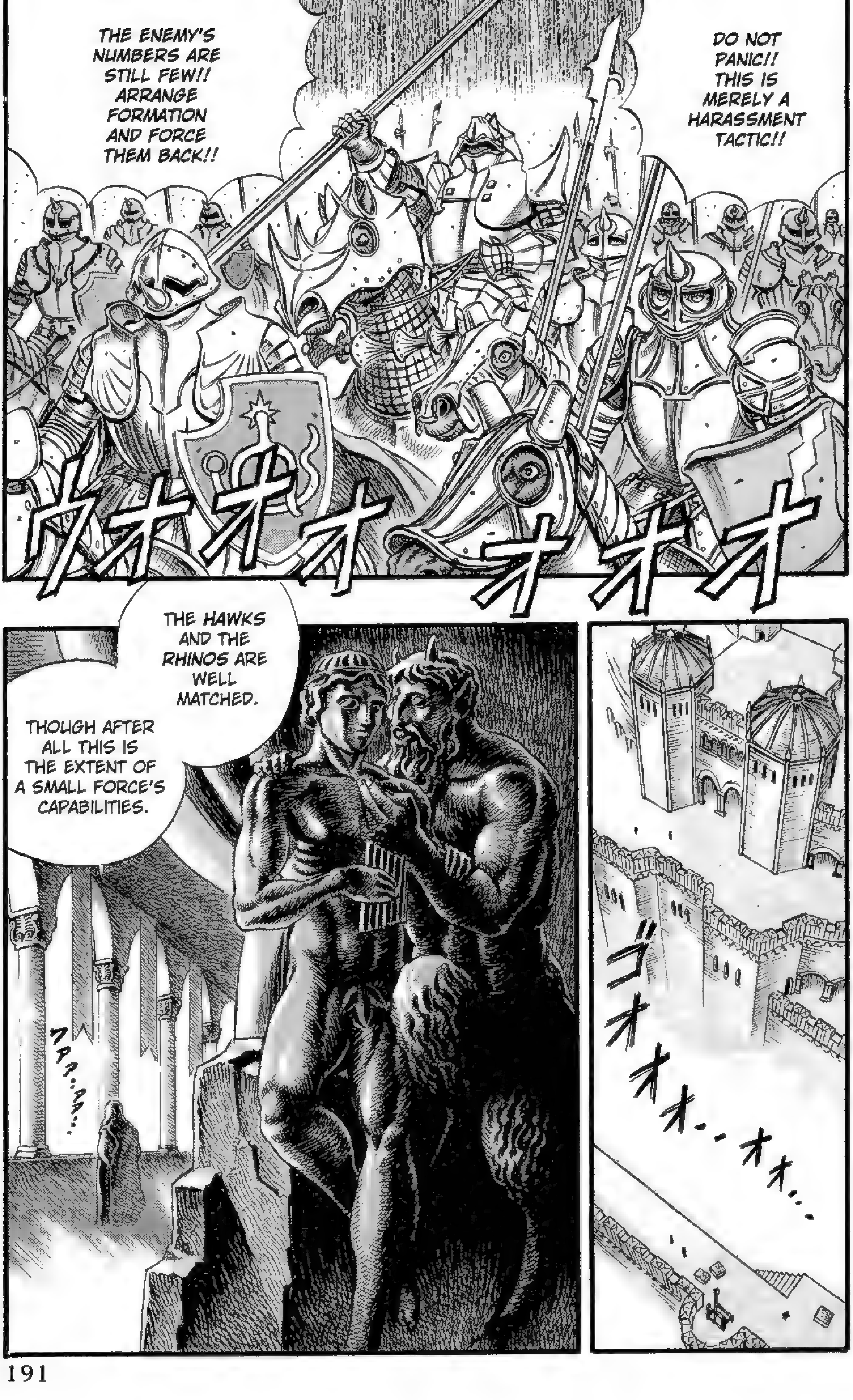
IT...CAN'T BE!! THEY AREN'T STOPPING!!
NO MATTER HOW MANY ENEMIES WE'VE FACED, THE CHARGE OF THE HOLY PURPLE RHINO KNIGHTS HAS NEVER BEEN CHECKED!!
FORGET ADVANCING... WE'RE BEING PUSHED?!
G... GENERAL!!
HM.
DAMNED HAWKS...
THEY POSSESS WORTHY ADVERSARIES.
SO THAT'S HIM...
SIR ?
THE BAND OF THE HAWK'S RAIDERS CAPTAIN.
THAT MAN, THEN.
NO WONDER ...
IT WOULD SEEM THE STORY THAT ADON'S HUNDRED MERCENARIES WERE KILLED BY ONE MAN, IS NOT ENTIRELY UNTRUE.


DO NOT PANIC!! THIS IS MERELY A HARASSMENT TACTIC!!
THE ENEMY'S NUMBERS ARE STILL FEW!! ARRANGE FORMATION AND FORCE THEM BACK!!
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THE HAWKS AND THE RHINOS ARE WELL MATCHED.
THOUGH AFTER ALL THIS IS THE EXTENT OF A SMALL FORCE'S CAPABILITIES.
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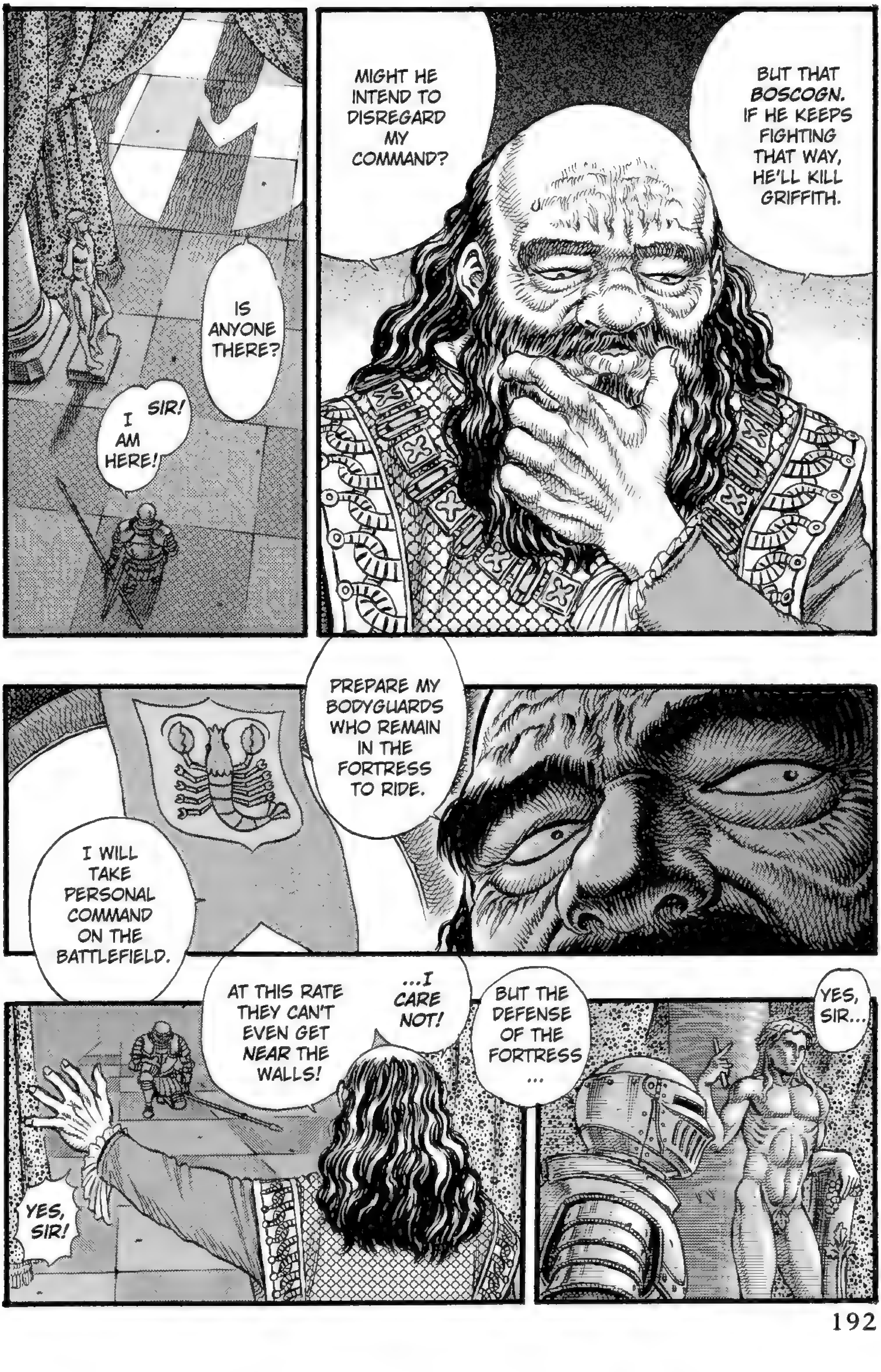
BUT THAT *BOSCOGN.* IF HE KEEPS FIGHTING THAT WAY, HE'LL KILL GRIFFITH.
MIGHT HE INTEND TO DISREGARD MY COMMAND?
IS ANYONE THERE?
SIR! I AM HERE!
PREPARE MY BODYGUARDS WHO REMAIN IN THE FORTRESS TO RIDE.
I WILL TAKE PERSONAL COMMAND ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
YES, SIR...
BUT THE DEFENSE OF THE FORTRESS ...
...I CARE NOT!
AT THIS RATE THEY CAN'T EVEN GET *NEAR* THE WALLS!
YES, SIR!

I WON'T SIT BACK AND LET THE RETURNED HAWK BE SHOT DOWN.
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YOW
NOW'D BE A GOOD TIME, BOSS!!

ALL HANDS WITHDRAW!!
FALL BACK TO HEADQUARTERS!!
C'MON BOYS!!
RUN FOR IT!!
YEAH!!
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GENERAL!! THE ENEMY HAS BEGUN TO WITHDRAW. LET'S PURSUE!!
INSCRUTABLE.
SIR?

HE SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE OUTCOME OF SUCH AN ATTACK FROM THE START.
IS THIS REALLY THE PLAN OF THE UNDEFEATED WHITE HAWK?
MEANING NO DISRESPECT, BUT PERHAPS YOU'VE OVER-ESTIMATED THEM, SIR?
IT WAS PROBABLY A DESPERATE PLAN TO BREAK THROUGH AT ONE POINT AND CLAIM YOUR HEAD.
THERE MUST BE NO OTHER OPTIONS LEFT TO A SMALL FORCE LIKE THE BAND OF THE HAWK AGAINST THE HOLY PURPLE RHINO KNIGHTS.
BUT SIR, ORDER US TO PURSUE THEM SWIFTLY!!
EVERYONE IS HOT-BLOODED FOR A CHANCE TO BOLSTER OUR RENOWN EVEN FURTHER!!
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IF WE LET THE WHITE HAWK ESCAPE LIKE THIS, THE MEN WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTAIN THEIR DISCONTENT OVER MISSING SUCH A FRUITFUL OPPORTUNITY!!
GENERAL!! HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR!!
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BOSCOGN?
EXCELL-ENCY.
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THE ENEMY IS IN FLIGHT.
WOULD YOU LET YOUR CHANCE AT VICTORY SLIP AWAY?
NO, SIR...
HOWEVER...
EVERYONE LISTEN!!
I WILL NOT PERMIT THE ENEMY LEADER, COUNT GRIFFITH, TO BE KILLED!!
YOU SHALL CAPTURE HIM ALIVE!!
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IN RETURN, I PROMISE WHOEVER CAPTURES HIM A SPECIAL DOUBLE PROMOTION!!
AND WHATEVER MONETARY REWARD YOU WISH!!

GOVERNOR.
PROMISING A THING LIKE THAT...
NEVER YOU MIND.
BUT WHAT OF MILITARY DISCIPLINE?
BOSCOGN!!
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FROM HERE ON I AM IN DIRECT COMMAND!!
THE HOLY PURPLE RHINO KNIGHTS WILL PURSUE THE ENEMY!!
....
CONVEY MY ORDERS TO ALL YOUR MEN!!
BE THOROUGH!!
GENERAL...

IT CANNOT BE HELPED!!
ALL ARE TO PURSUE THE ENEMY!!
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HYEEEEE
WHOA !!
THIS AIN'T A GOOD TIME TO BE BRINGIN' UP THE REAR BY MYSELF!!
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BUT AS PLANNED, THEY TOOK THE BAIT AND CAME ON......
RIGHT, EVERYTHING'S IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND...
LIKE IT'S ALWAYS BEEN.
HAHA. Y'MEAN WE'RE GONNA TAKE ON ALL OF THEM?
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TAKE FORMATION!!
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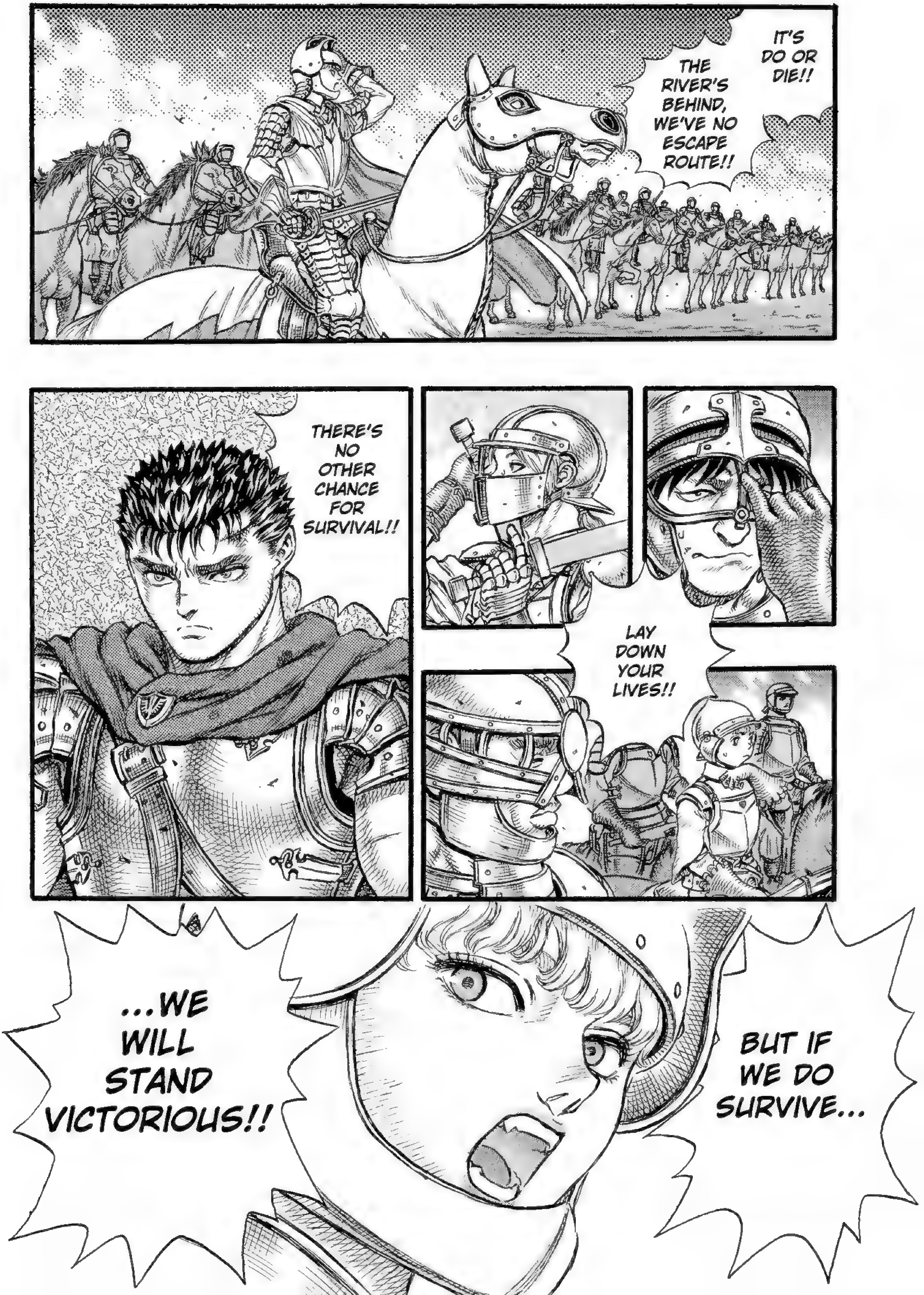
IT'S DO OR DIE!!
THE RIVER'S BEHIND, WE'VE NO ESCAPE ROUTE!!
LAY DOWN YOUR LIVES!!
THERE'S NO OTHER CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL!!
BUT IF WE DO SURVIVE...
...WE WILL STAND VICTORIOUS!!

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AHHHH, WHAT IN THE WORLD'S GOING ON? I CAN'T SEE THROUGH THE DUST CLOUD.
WELL, YOU KNOW THERE'S ABOUT A ONE IN A MILLION CHANCE WE'LL ACTUALLY LOSE.
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I HEARD WHOEVER CAPTURES THE ENEMY LEADER CAN NAME HIS REWARD.
JUST ABOUT EVERYONE FROM THE FORTRESS IS OUT THERE.
FORGET ABOUT IT--TOO MUCH COMPETITION.
WISH WE COULD HAVE GONE, TOO.
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WHAT IS IT?
OUT... THERE ...!!
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ENEMIES ?!
WHERE'D THEY ...!?
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RUSH IN!!
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FIRST DIVISION, BLOCK THE GATES! ABSOLUTELY NO ENEMY MESSENGERS GET OUTSIDE!!
ALL OTHERS PROCEED ACCORDING TO PLAN!!
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SWIFT-LY!!
THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!!
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GRRR ……
ISN'T THAT…

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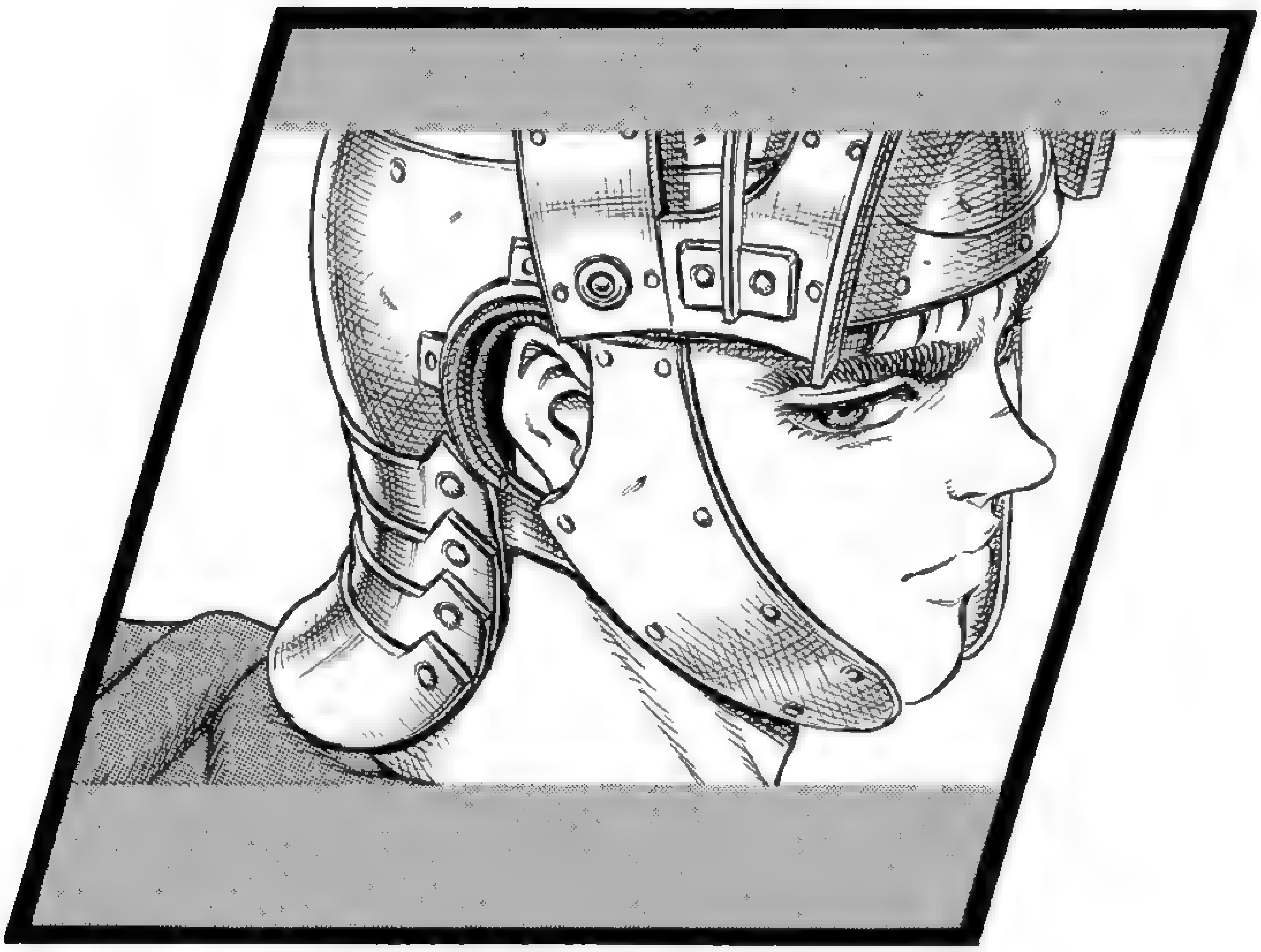

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TAKE CONTROL OF THE GATE AND WALLS!! DON'T EVEN BOTHER WITH THE KEEP!!
HURRY!!
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SHOCKK!!!
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THE BATTLE FOR DOLDREY, CHAPTER 4

YOU AGAIN, HUH?
YOU'RE REALLY A TENACIOUS COCKROACH.
WHAT'S WITH THAT ARMOR?
HUHAHA!! THEY ALSO CALL ME "INVINCIBLE BARON ADON!!"
EVEN IF I AM A COCKROACH, YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KNEEL BEFORE MY STAMINA!!
AS LONG AS YOU STILL HAVE KNEES TO KNEEL WITH, OF COURSE!!
HMHMHM... I, ADON, SAW THROUGH THE SCHEMES OF YOU COMMON RABBLE AGES AGO!!
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THEREFORE I PERSONALLY ACCEPTED THE DUTY OF PROTECTING THE FORTRESS AND HAVE BEEN WATCHING FOR YOU TO WALTZ BRAZENLY IN HERE!!
LIAR.
HE WAS PROB'LY FORCED TO STAY BEHIND.
IT'S NO LIE!!
REVEAL YOURSELVES!!!

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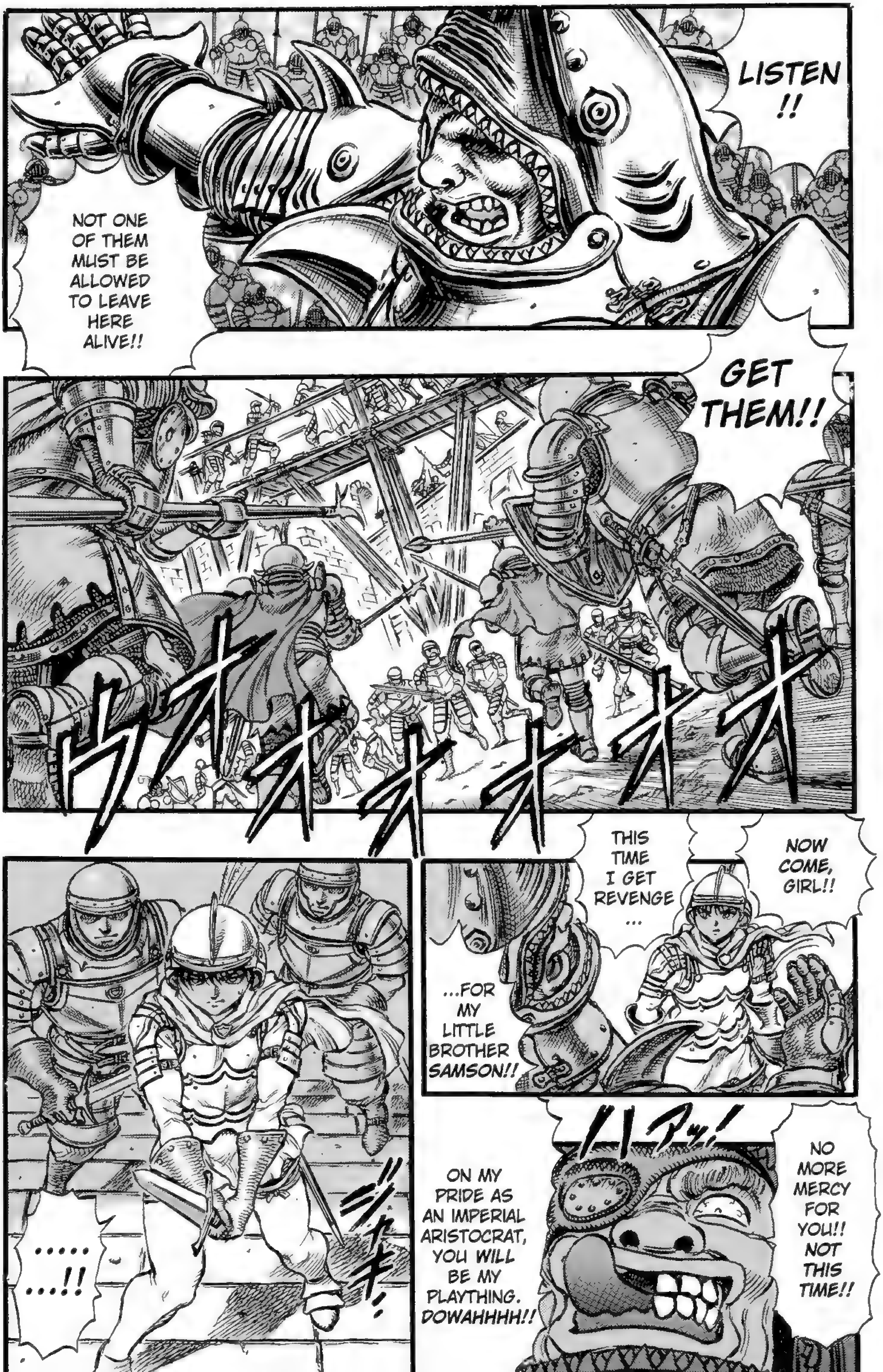
YOU SEE?!
MY BLUE WHALE KNIGHTS, LEFT INSIDE THE FORTRESS FOR THIS VERY *MOMENT!!* EVEN IF THEIR NUMBERS *WERE* REDUCED IN THE PREVIOUS BATTLE, THEY'LL *NEVER* LOSE TO A PETTY PLATOON LED BY A LITTLE GIRL LIKE YOU!!


LISTEN!!
NOT ONE OF THEM MUST BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE HERE ALIVE!!
GET THEM!!
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NOW COME, GIRL!!
THIS TIME I GET REVENGE...
...FOR MY LITTLE BROTHER SAMSON!!
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ジャキ!
ハアッ!
NO MORE MERCY FOR YOU!! NOT THIS TIME!!
ON MY PRIDE AS AN IMPERIAL ARISTOCRAT, YOU WILL BE MY PLAYTHING. DOWAHHHH!!

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HNN!
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ARGGGH, WHAT ARE THEY DOING?!
HAVEN'T THEY BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE GRIFFITH YET?!
THE ENEMY'S RESISTANCE SEEMS MORE INTENSE THAN WE EXPECTED.
IN ANY CASE, SOME *TERRIBLY* SKILLED HORSEMAN IS BLOCKING THE WAY TO COUNT GRIFFITH.
IT APPEARS OUR ARMY IS HAVING TROUBLE APPROACHING HIM.
WHAAAT?!

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WHA ...
...WHAT STRENGTH!!
S-SOMEBODY STOP HIM!!
GENERAL!!
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A-AMAZING!!
YOU CAN'T SEE THEIR WEAPONS!!
IF...IF YOU APPROACHED NOW YOU'D GET CAUGHT IN THEIR BLADE-WIND!!
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WH- WHY?!
YOU COULD HARDLY LIFT A *FINGER* AGAINST ME BEFORE!!
I WASN'T IN TOP FORM THEN.
WOMEN HAVE THEIR OWN SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES.
WHAAAT?! ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU WERE ON YOUR PERIOD?!!
DON'T SHOUT IT!!
THAT MONSTER DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!!
OHHH, IT WAS HER PERIOD.
SIS REALLY IS INCREDIBLE!!

THE ENEMY NUMBERS FEW!!
JUST CUT THROUGH THEM!!
HURRY!!
THE FATE OF THE HAWKS DEPENDS ON THIS ONE BATTLE!!
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UWAH!!
ズバッ…
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ザシァアア
PIPPIN!!
DAHHH!!
ガギャッ
DAMMIT!! IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME TILL WE'RE WIPED OUT!!
NO WAY!! EVEN IF WE RUN, WHERE WOULD WE GO?! THE RIVER'S BEHIND US!!
IF WE'RE GONNA DROWN ANYWAY, I'D RATHER DIE FIGHTING!!

HO.
LITTLE RICKERT'S FLIPPED OUT!
HAHAHA!!
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MY ARMY IS OVERWHELMING, ISN'T IT?!
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ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE'S BOSCOGN...
WHY IS A SINGLE MOUNTED MAN TAKING HIM SO LONG?
...GUTS.
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HE'S STRONG !!
I FEEL MORE DEAD THAN ALIVE.
EVEN WORSE THAN FIGHTING THOSE HUNDRED MERCS!!
IF I DON'T PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE...
...I'M A DEAD MAN!!

...NO.
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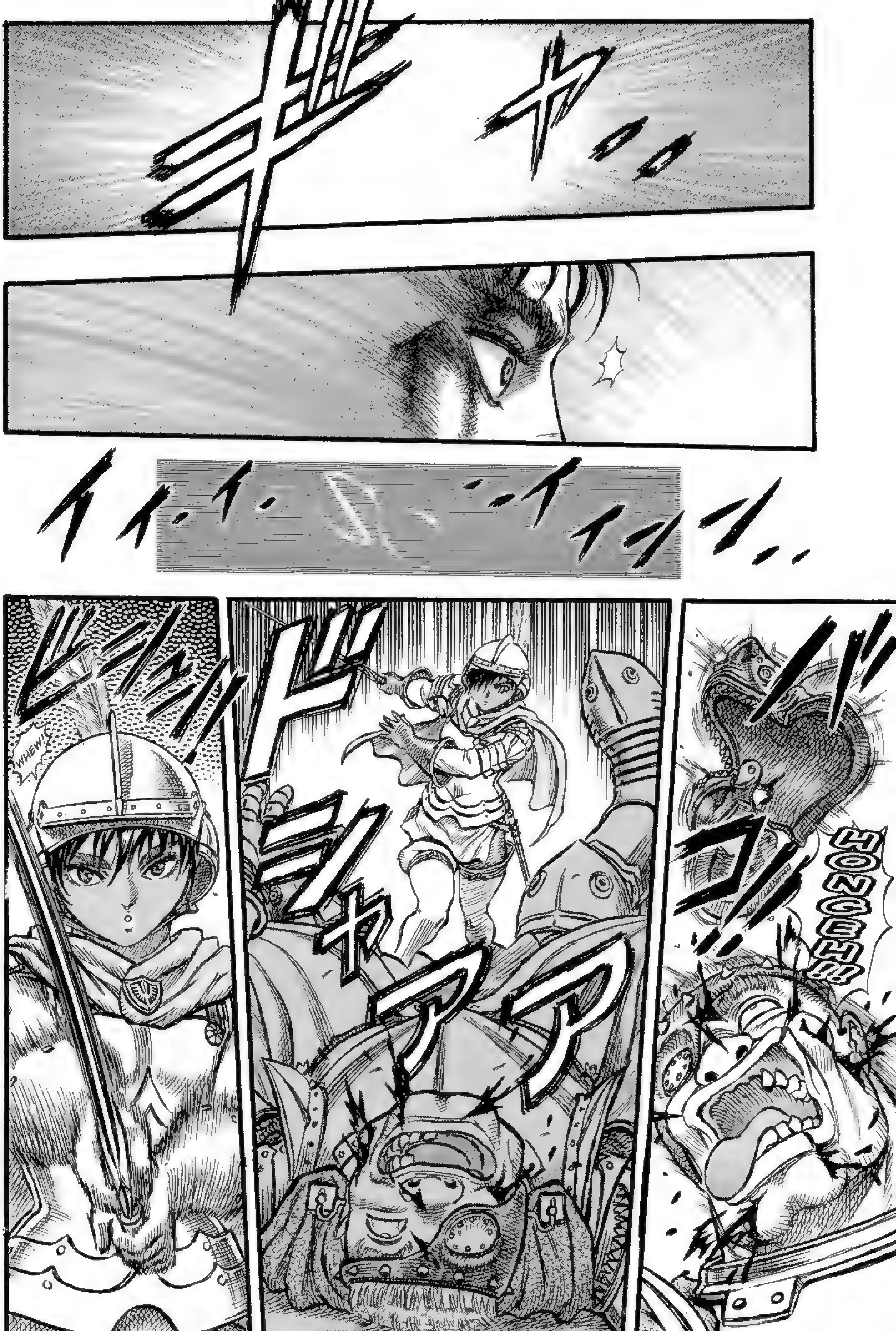
IT'S NOT AS HOPELESS...
...AS IT WAS THEN.
IT AIN'T AS BAD AS THAT TIME......
RAHH!
HAHH!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WHEW!
ドシャアア
バコッ!!
HONGEH!!

SIR!!
S-SIR ADON!!
FORGIVE ME!!!
...OHHH!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO!
WHATEVER ELSE, PLEASE SPARE MY LIFE!! I HUMBLY ASK THAT YOU SOMEHOW FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO FORGIVE MY MANY AND FREQUENT OFFENSES!! I BEG OF YOU!!
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...
S-SIR ADON, THIS IS JUST TOO MUCH...!!
YOU MUST BE KIDDING?! IT WAS YOUR FAULT WE ALL GOT LEFT BEHIND HERE, AND YET...
SIR, THAT'S INCREDIBLY UNCOOL!!
OH, SHUT UP!! A GREAT COMMANDER CAN ALSO SEE WHEN IT'S TIME TO GIVE UP!!

EVERYTHING I'VE DONE HAS BEEN UNDER THE ORDER OF THE GENERAL! I DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF PERSONAL GRUDGE AGAINST YOU, MISS!
UWEH HEH HEH..!
FATE IS SUCH A SORROWFUL THING, THAT WE'VE MET ONLY AS ENEMIES AND WERE FORCED TO DO BATTLE. REALLY, DON'T YOU AGREE?
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GO AHEAD...
IF YOU WANT THIS FORTRESS, YOU'RE WELCOME TO IT! WE WON'T STOP YOU! SO PLEASE, MY LIFE AT THE VERY LEAST...
IS THIS GUY REALLY NOBILITY ...?
DID I ACTUALLY TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY AS AN OPPONENT ?
HE'S ALMOST BEYOND LAUGHABLE...
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BUT SERIOUSLY! NWAHAHHHH!!
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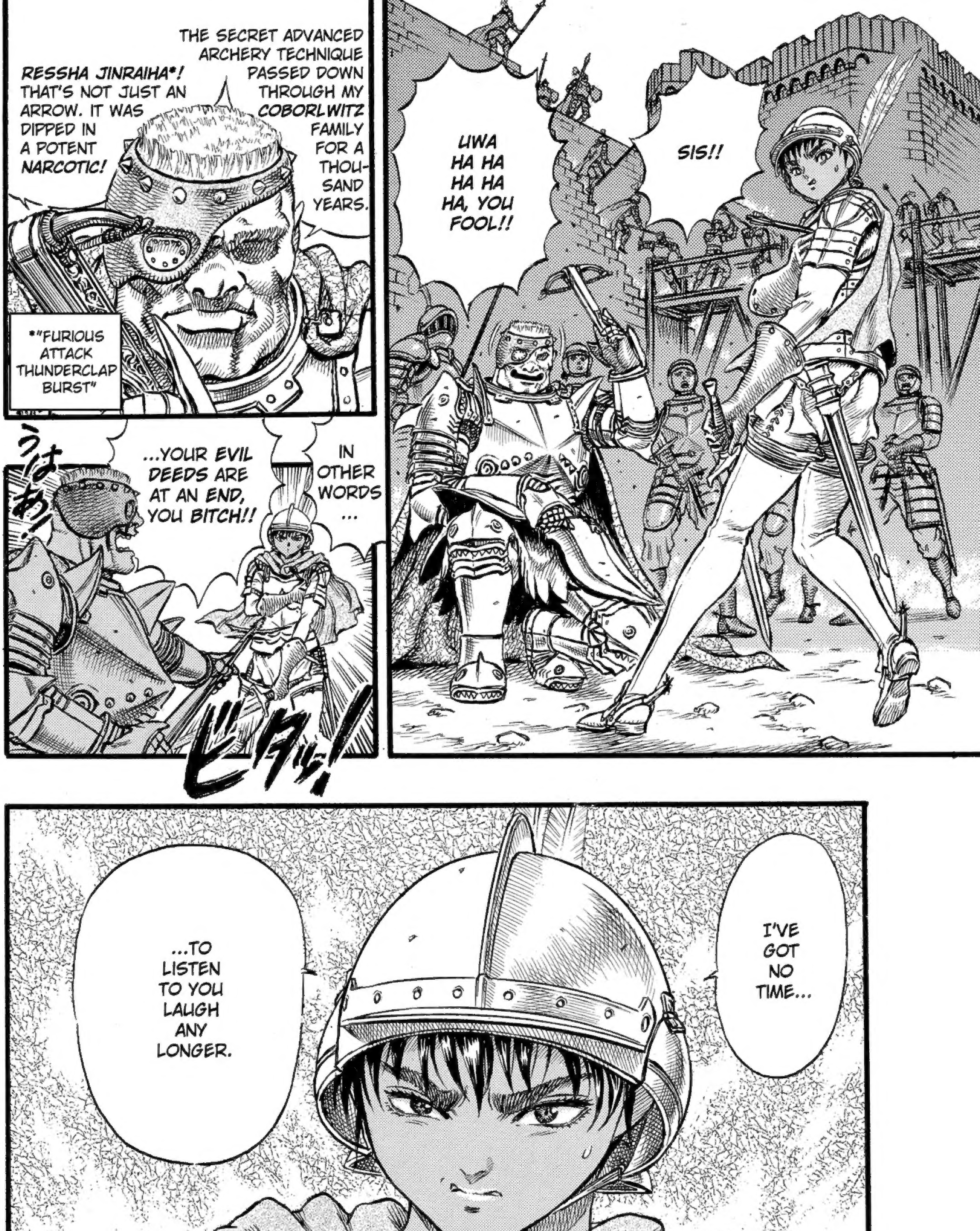
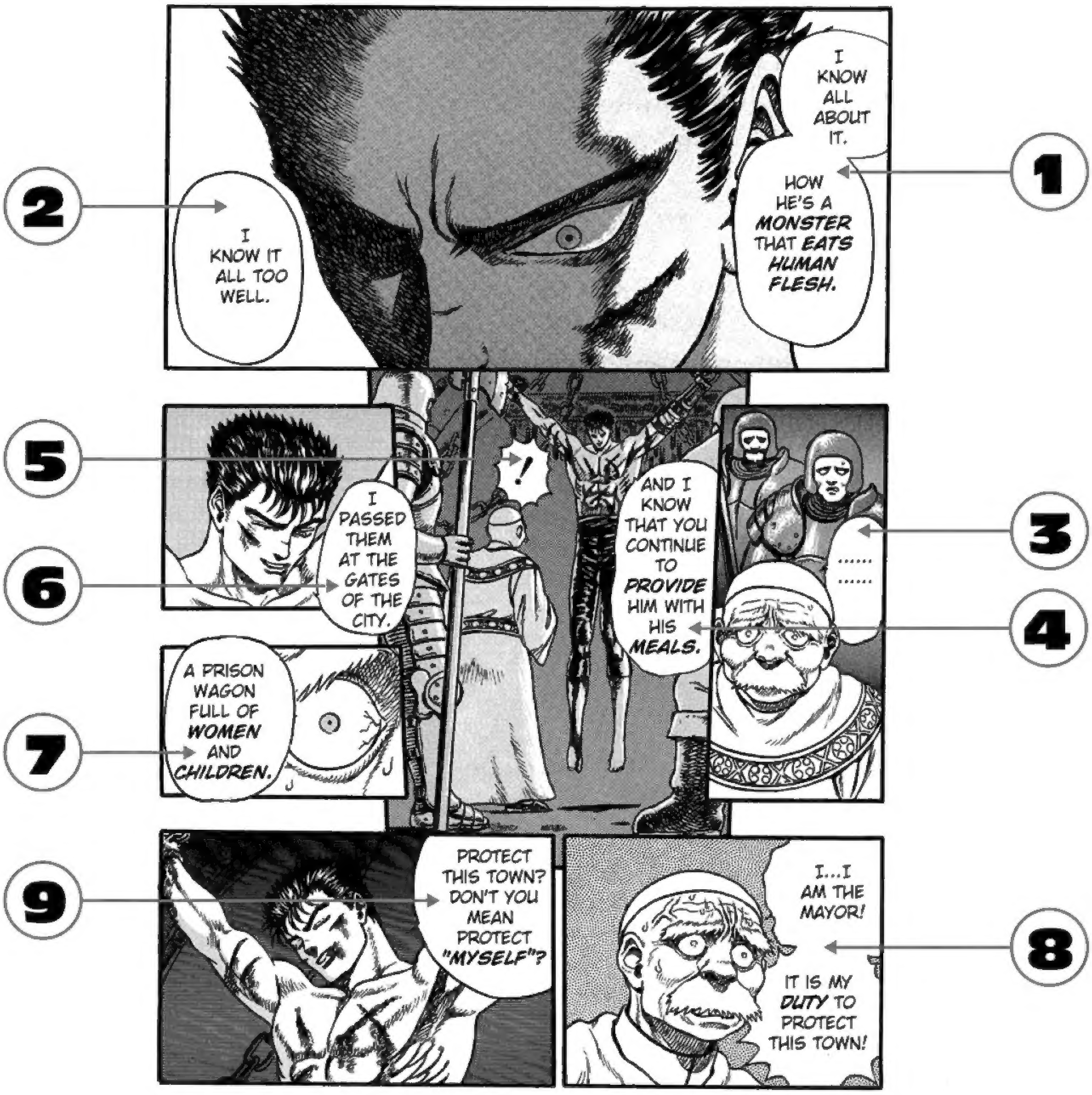

SIS!!
UWA HA HA HA HA, YOU FOOL!!
THE SECRET ADVANCED ARCHERY TECHNIQUE PASSED DOWN THROUGH MY COBORLWITZ FAMILY FOR A THOUSAND YEARS.
RESSHA JINRAIHA*! THAT'S NOT JUST AN ARROW. IT WAS DIPPED IN A POTENT NARCOTIC!
*"FURIOUS ATTACK THUNDERCLAP BURST"
IN OTHER WORDS...
...YOUR EVIL DEEDS ARE AT AN END, YOU BITCH!!
うはあ!
ビタッ!
I'VE GOT NO TIME...
...TO LISTEN TO YOU LAUGH ANY LONGER.

THE BATTLE FOR DOLDREY (4): END

STOP

This is the back of the book!

This manga collection is translated into English but oriented in right-to-left reading format at the creator's request, maintaining the artwork's visual orientation as originally published in Japan. If you've never read manga in this way before, take a look at the diagram below to give yourself an idea of how to go about it. Basically, you'll be starting in the upper right corner and will read each balloon and panel moving right to left. It may take some getting used to, but you should get the hang of it very quickly. Have fun!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I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
HOW HE'S A MONSTER THAT EATS HUMAN FLESH.
2
I KNOW IT ALL TOO WELL.
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4
AND I KNOW THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH HIS MEALS.
5
!
6
I PASSED THEM AT THE GATES OF THE CITY.
7
A PRISON WAGON FULL OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
8
I...I AM THE MAYOR!
IT IS MY DUTY TO PROTECT THIS TOWN!
9
PROTECT THIS TOWN? DON'T YOU MEAN PROTECT "MYSELF"?

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The feudal kingdoms of Midland and Chuder face off in the final clash of a century-long struggle. Midland's spearhead is the Band of the Hawk, a legendary cadre of mercenaries led by the charismatic Griffith and with the fearless Guts as its berserker champion. The Hawks' ferocity, courage, and fearsome skills are just what Midland needs to turn the bloody tide, but during the fray, Guts and Griffith's most trusted lieutenant, Casca, fall together from a cliff into a raging river. Both miraculously survive, and Guts tends to Casca's wounds as she tells of having her life saved by Griffith, her induction into the Band of the Hawk, and reveals her deep feelings toward Griffith. And she even seems to finally be warming up to the grim Guts. But this greeting-card moment won't last long, for Chuder warriors are on the prowl, and the only greetings they carry are on the points of their spears!

Created by Kentaro Miura, *Berserk* is pedal-to-the-metal manga madness, a raging blur of savage action, grisly horror, and dark humor that has inspired legions of rabid fans and rendered aghast hordes of terrified civilians. Duck and cover and look out for flying glass, because *Berserk* is going . . . well, berserk!

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